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Bhutto: Pakistan future at stake

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 18 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, convicted of murder and facing a death sentence, told the supreme court Monday that "the future of Pakistan is at stake" in his appeal of his death sentence.

"It is not my person, or my family alone, but it is the future of Pakistan which is at stake," Bhutto told the court, which was packed with more than 200 lawyers, journalists and his supporters.

Bhutto, markedly thinner and grayer, nearly broke down during his precedent-setting personal appeal. He had been sentenced to death, along with four others, for ordering and abetting the murder for a political opponent four years ago.

"I do not want pity or mercy from you," Bhutto said, his voice quivering with emotion. "I want justice."

Bhutto, who spoke for 70 minutes, said he was convicted in "a fabricated and a false case."

"I want my innocence established. I am being persecuted — a treatment which has surpassed all shades and colors of persecution, something which only a depraved regime would have done," he said.

There was silence as Bhutto, somberly dressed in a dark grey suit and grey necktie, was escorted into the court. His wife, Nusrat Bhutto, was also present.

During his speech to the seven-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice Anwarul Haq, Bhutto betrayed the most emotion as he described his treatment in the Rawalpindi central jail.

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SOMALI VISITOR: King Khaled receiving Somali Information Minister Abdul Salam Sheikh Monday.

King receives Somali minister

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday received Somali Minister of Information Dr. Abdul Salam Sheikh who is visiting the country at the invitation of Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander

of the National Guard, Dr. Rashad Pharoao, the King's personal adviser, and Dr. Yamani.

King Khaled had earlier received members of the Arab Organization for Administrative Sciences who are holding a conference here.

They were introduced to the

Monarch by Sheikh Turki Al-Sudeiri, director of the civil service.

King Khaled expressed his pleasure at holding the conference here and discussed its progress with the delegates.

In the evening he received the ulamas and sheikhs as customary every Monday.

Israel firm in rejection of U.S.-backed proposals

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Israel stood firm Monday on its rejection of U.S.-backed proposals to conclude a peace treaty with Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Israel would not agree to "digressions" from the Camp David accord.

Speaking to a meeting of the parliamentary foreign affairs and defense committee, a summary of which was leaked to the national radio, Begin expressed "surprise" at U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"I don't understand how Vance could tell me two or three weeks ago that it is strictly forbidden to change the contents of the peace treaty," the radio quoted Begin as saying "and now he himself comes and supports the changes in the

treaty Egypt asks for."

Begin said Israel will remain firm in its refusal to accept new Egyptian treaty proposals.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was quoted by the foreign ministry spokesman as telling his senior staff aides that he "does not think Israel will initiate a renewal of the negotiations."

Yet despite the hardening stalemate to the negotiations, military sources said the armed forces proceeded with preparatory military withdrawals from the Sinai begun a month ago. The treaty specifies a first-stage pullback, nine months after a pact is signed.

The sources said the pullout of non-combat material does not affect the fighting capability of air and ground forces in the desert peninsula.

Dayan's remarks to his staff, as conveyed by the spokesman, were in reaction to a statement by Vance in which he said he hoped Israel would reconsider its rejection of the four proposals he brought from Egypt.

"If we should resume the negotiations it would have to be on the basis of a clear Egyptian understanding that the ideas brought to us by Secretary Vance from Egypt are unacceptable," Dayan was quoted as saying.

"If what Vance said is the condition on which negotiations will resume, then I think there will be no talks," the spokesman quoted him as saying.

In Cairo, meanwhile, Vice President Hosni Mubarak said Monday Egypt would continue to seek peace despite Israeli "obstacles" and that reaching agreement was "up to Israel."

Mubarak, in a speech distributed by the official Middle

East News Agency, was quoted as saying "in time, Israel will realize there is no use maneuvering and that Egypt will not sign a separate peace."

In his speech, Mubarak also said "Egypt will not be deterred by obstacles put by the Israeli government in the peace process."

The Egyptian vice president, who has been President Sadat's

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Taiwan president turns down Chinese reunification offer

TAIPEI, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Taiwan Monday rejected a Peking offer for reunification talks and instead said it will increase its stocks of weapons, including missiles that sources said could be armed with nuclear warheads.

Radio Peking announced that two members of a powerful political advisory group who once lived in Taiwan have offered to return to start reunification talks with the Taipei government.

But Taiwan President Chiang Ching-kuo immediately rejected the offer, declaring, "there is no way for me to allow these two traitors in."

Chiang told an emergency day-long meeting of the central committee of the ruling Kuomintang Party that he considered the offer as part of the Chinese Communist scheme to infiltrate Taiwan.

Boumedienne illness reported worsening

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — French radio reports said Monday Algerian President Houari Boumedienne's grave illness had worsened because of severe internal bleeding.

Quoting reports from Algiers the networks said the 46-year-old president's condition was extremely critical.

The report came just a month after Boumedienne had been rushed to Mustapha Hospital in a deep coma following development of a blood clot on the brain said to result from a rare blood ailment.

A team of medical experts from 13 countries has been attempting to save Boumedienne's life by using the most sophisticated medical equip-

ment. They include surgeons and physicians from the United States, the Soviet Union, China, West Germany, Cuba, and France.

Monday's report came 48 hours after the ruling Algerian Council of the Revolution denied Egyptian press reports that Boumedienne had already died, but admitted that his condition has worsened.

Boumedienne was treated for about a month in Moscow in October and early November, before being flown back to Algiers.

He lapsed into total coma Nov. 18 and has been kept alive since by an elaborate battery of life support equipment.

Fahd defends OPEC decision

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Maintaining oil prices at their former level was impossible after the slump in the value of the dollar and the extremely high inflation rate, Crown Prince Fahd said Monday.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani quoted the crown prince as telling a cabinet meeting here after a briefing by Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had originally decided at its Abu Dhabi meeting which ended Sunday, to impose a 10 percent increase on Jan. 1, 1979. "But out of concern over any possible harm to the international economy, a phased increase that would average 10 percent for the coming year was agreed upon," Prince Fahd said.

Prince Fahd said the Saudi government has always been careful to see that any decision taken on oil prices should be "logical and objective and based on sound economic principles that take into consideration the well-being of the world economy and the problems of developing states."

Prince Fahd said Saudi Arabia views oil "as a means to our prosperity and that of the whole world."

"We have never taken emotional or impulsive decisions," he said.

Prince Fahd said that while the Kingdom was careful to avoid harm to the world economy, "it was impossible to maintain the level of oil prices at its former level following the devaluation of the dollar and the high inflation which has done immense damage to the economies of oil exporting states."

The crown prince said "many countries have taken advantage of the dollar's decline,

and if real prices — even after the forthcoming increase — are compared with those of two years ago, they would prove to be lower," he added.

In Abu Dhabi, the osw secretary general of OPEC Monday rejected Western criticism of the organization's decision to increase prices by 14.5 percent above current levels by late next year.

"Those countries that have reservations about our decision should realize that we are building for the future of our peoples," Rene Ortiz of Ecuador said.

There was widespread disappointment in Western countries at the scale of the OPEC increase.

In Kuwait, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Sabab said the OPEC decision did not represent an increase but "a partial compensation" for revenues lost through depreciation of the dollar, in which oil is priced, and Western inflation. The minister warned that if industrialized nations reflected the increase in the price of their manufactured goods, OPEC would boost its prices again in compensation.

"If the industrialized nations fail to control inflation and to stabilize the American currency, the OPEC states will not let their oil income suffer further losses," he said.

Ortiz said the OPEC decision was aimed at helping member nations assure their economic development before the oil runs out, and spurring the search for alternative sources of energy.

"The OPEC member states have responsibilities toward the coming generations," he said. "They would never forgive us if we failed them."

The price of crude petroleum will rise in four stages next year, from the current \$12.70 for a 42-U.S. gallon to

\$14.54 by Oct. 1. Lighter or heavier crudes may be more or less expensive according to market conditions.

Meanwhile at the U.N., a spokesman for developing nations said Monday that the group did not think the price increase was a big problem and that anyway it was not a problem for them but for the developed nations.

In any case, "I do not think it is first our problem — it's the problem of developed countries," said Tunisian Ambassador Mahmoud Mestiri.

Mestiri is chairman of the "Group of 77" developing countries, grown to 115 since its formation years ago.

As the dollar plunged and stock prices fell on Wall Street, fears were expressed Monday that the price rise would cause renewed inflation, and higher unemployment.

The United States, which uses almost 40 per cent of the world's total oil production, reacted especially bitterly against the Sunday's announcement.

U.S. officials said they feared the rise would weaken America's efforts to curb in-



Crown Prince Fahd

flation and correct its big trade deficit as a means of bolstering the dollar.

Stock prices dropped sharply in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, but experts said relatively moderate trading indicated that investors had not panicked.

Industrial countries expressed anger particularly Japan which imports more than 99 per cent of its oil needs.

In Brussels, the European

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Clashes reported in 2 Iran cities

TEHRAN, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Troops and demonstrators clashed in at least two cities Monday as opponents of the Shah observed a day of mourning for the hundreds of persons killed in Iraq's 11 months of political feuding.

Informed sources said a number of anti-Shah protesters were wounded by army gunfire in the northwestern city of Tabriz, a longtime flashpoint in Iraq's crisis.

Diplomatic sources reported fighting through the day inside the city's vast bazaar and its alleyways. There was no official word of any deaths, but unconfirmed reports said "seve-

ral" persons were shot dead by troops.

The National Front, the main political grouping in the campaign against the Shah, claimed scores of soldiers joined the anti-monarchists as they paraded through Tabriz, Iran's third largest city and close to the Turkish border.

However, the information ministry denied the report and well-placed sources in Tabriz said there was no indication of any mass defection by soldiers.

The opposition claim follows mounting reports of growing discontent in the

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Maize	462
Barley	1437
Rice	4562
Sugar	1747
Tea	132
Other Foods	198
Fruit	132
Chicken	7365
Meat	19991
Eggs	20106
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	7646
2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	23778
Cement	71521
Steel	
Timber	
General Building Materials	
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	
3. VEHICLES	
Vehicles in Number	68
Vehicles in Tons	2126
4. LIVESTOCK	
Number of Head	20973 6108
6. OTHER GENERAL CARGO	6108
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TOTAL DISCHARGED:	
(A) 187480 Tons Cargo	
(B) 68 Vehicles in Number	
(C) 20973 Head of Livestock	



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1. FOODSTUFFS	
Flour/Wheat	20,504
Maize	29,956
Rice	10,546
Sugar	3,371
Tea	54,189
Various Foodstuffs	10,966
Fruit	3,984
Poultry	82
Meat	218
Eggs	133,816
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	
2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	
Cement	53,204
Steel	11,851
Timber	10,836
General Building Materials	83,761
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	159,652
3. VEHICLES	
Vehicles in number	1,066
Vehicles in Tons	10,639
4. LIVESTOCK	
Number of Head	8,192
5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO	81,386

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Minister tells conference

Developing countries must act on housing

By Mary Jo McConahay
DHAHRAN, Dec. 18 — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed told an audience of about 500 international housing specialists here Monday that the housing shortage in developing countries was "an acute problem" and praised the Saudi national program for its achievements in this area.

Prince Majed was speaking on behalf of Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteh at the International Conference on Housing Problems in Developing Countries, sponsored by the University of Petroleum and Minerals here and the International Association of Housing Science.

The minister said that the housing problem had been serious in Saudi Arabia in recent years and had led the government to create first the Ministry of Housing and Public Works and then the Real Estate Development Fund, which extends loans to Saudis on easy terms for the construction of private and investment housing.

Over 100 papers by specialists from 37 countries will be read at the conference which lasts until Dec. 22.

Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, rector of the university told the

first-day audience that hundreds of thousands of housing units had been built under King Khaled and the late King Faisal.

Nevertheless, to face the continued shortage, underdeveloped countries like the Kingdom must learn from the experience of others and adopt the best solutions and the most useful of the developed countries' advanced technology.

Dr. Fahd Al-Dakhl, vice-rector for research and graduate studies, Faruk Berkot, United Nations undersecretary and coordinator of the U.N. Disaster

Relief Office and Dr. Oktay Ural, president of IAHN also spoke at the session.

Ural cited the massive amounts that will be spent on housing beside the new industrial complexes at Jubail and Yanbu and recommended that, in long-range Saudi planning, housing "should be in the Islamic Style".

A steady shalal, bearing fine sand and dust blew through outdoor exhibits set up by foreign firms working in the Kingdom. The wide variety of pro-

ducts and displays ranged from pre-cast units of the kind used in the Housing Ministry's high-rise rush program in Dammam to a bedou tent.

Inside, more exhibits covered building materials, the new campus for Riyadh University and restoration techniques used for old houses in Jeddah, Bahrain and Kuwait.

The conference continues Tuesday with session on housing in Saudi Arabia, energy, environment, low-income housing and innovative design and construction.

Under SR 8.5 m deal

Greek planners to study towns, villages

By James Buchan
JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has signed a major contract with a Greek firm of planners to prepare a feasibility study for the development of the Kingdom's municipalities and villages.

The SR 8.5 million contract was signed at the end of October with the Athens-based planners Doxiadis to prepare development studies of all the Kingdom's 107 municipalities and a sample of 110 villages.

The study is to be completed by next summer and will eventually be incorporated into the

Third Five-Year Development Plan, which the Planning Ministry will launch in 1980, the company said Monday evening.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed said at the announcement of his ministry's allocation in June that out of about 10,000 villages in the Kingdom, only 500 were covered by municipal services. "The city has had its share of allocations and projects. It is the turn of the villages now," he said then.

In particular, the ministry is believed to be concerned at

the continued drift from the villages to the cities — largely for lack of adequate services in the villages.

The Doxiadis rural study will be divided into three parts. After a survey of the 110 sample villages, ten will be selected for closer study and possible eventual development into "model villages". Preliminary plans will be drawn up for their complete and for municipal services to attract residents from isolated areas — fresh water for every household, clinics, roads, mosques electricity.

In certain isolated and sparsely populated areas, public amenities for all would be both expensive and extremely difficult, so Doxiadis will make a detailed study of 16 villages for the creation of village "clusters" or complexes, where municipal services will be provided at central villages to serve outlying districts.

The Greek firm recently completed a master plan for Riyadh and ten other cities in the central and north-eastern regions of Saudi Arabia.



ADMINISTRATION: King Khaled Monday receiving delegates from the first-ever conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization which is being held in Riyadh.

With consultants

Saudi weathermen to attend U.S. talks

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — A Saudi meteorological delegation has left for the United States to supervise a coordination meeting among the consultants working with the Di-

rectorate General for Meteorology here.

According to "Al-Medina" newspaper Monday, the delegation is composed of Dr. Ni-

zar Tewfiq, director of Jeddah's National Observatory project, Dr. Mustafa Al-Dughairi, director of research at the directorate general and Mahmoud Al-Sufiani, director of technical and communications affairs.

The paper quoted Dr. Abdul Birr Abdullah Al-Qin, as-

stant director general as saying that the delegation intends to have talks with an Australian delegation on the creation of the national observatory which is being studied by the Australian government in collaboration with the directorate general.

Jubail sea port nears completion

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — Work on the port for the Jubail industrial complex will be completed in two months, "Okaz" reported Monday. The port will have 16 docks.

Jizan to host malaria parley

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Dr. Hashem Al-Dabbagh, director general of preventive medicine at the Health Ministry, will open in Jizan Saturday a five-day conference of directors of anti-malaria centers in Saudi Arabia.

There are 14 anti-malaria centers in the Kingdom and more are planned for the south, according to the ministry.

The conference will discuss strategy and methods in the fight against malaria.

In Sanaa, the new Saudi ambassador Sheikh Tarad Al-Harishi Monday visited Yemeni Health Minister Dr. Ahmad Abdul Malik Al-Asfahi to discuss cooperation in health services.

Sheikh Tarad later visited the headquarters of the military mission and the offices of the Saudi Press Agency as part of a tour of Saudi organizations in the Yemen capital.

Little Austin injured badly

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — A small boy was admitted to the University Hospital in serious condition here this week after throwing himself out of a third-floor apartment, in imitation of Steve Austin of the "Six Million Dollar Man" program, which is being shown on Saudi television.

"Al-Medina" reported Monday that the boy fell on a man and injured him. The man had been attending the wake for a dead relation in a ground-floor apartment.

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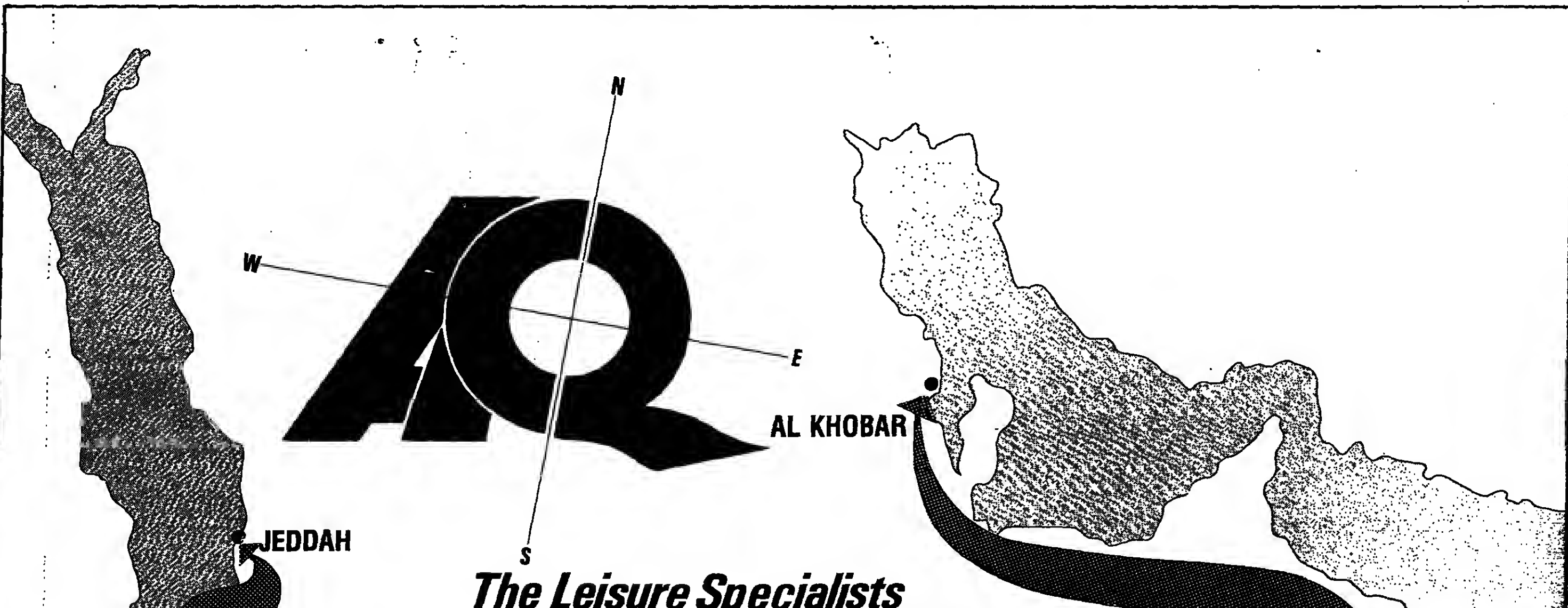
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● JEDDAH, — Minister of Industry and Electricity Ghazi Al-Ghosaibi will preside at a meeting of the board of the General Electricity Organization in Riyadh Tuesday, according to Monday's edition of "Okaz". The meeting will approve the establishment of an institute to train technicians for the organizations rural

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Somali Information Minister Dr. Abdul Salam Sheikh visited the Saudi Press Agency offices here Monday and talked with the editors about various issues including the situation in the Horn of Africa and his country's attitude to western Somalia. The Ogaden region, which Somalia claims from Ethiopia.

"A Consular team of the Embassy of Pakistan will be 'Inshallah' visiting Riyadh on Saturday, 23rd December, 1978 and will work in the premises of Pakistan Community School from 4 O'clock to 8 O'clock in the evening on alternate days."



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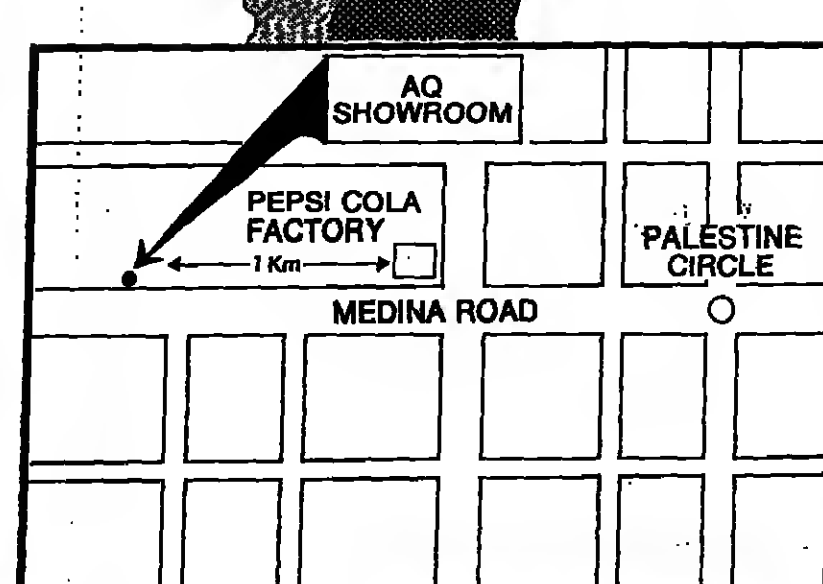
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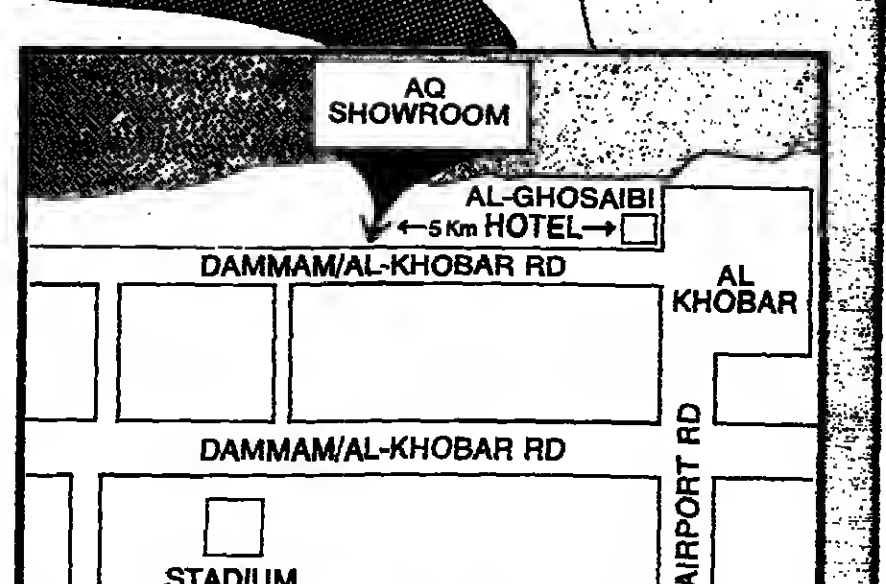
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Israelis detain dozens of Palestinian students

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Israeli security forces detained several dozen West Bank Palestinian students alleged to have organized anti-Israeli demonstrations in the area.

The Palestinians were arrested in Ramallah and Bethlehem, but military sources refused to say exactly how many had been detained.

The sources said the students were involved in a protest action against the demolition two weeks ago of houses belonging to a suspected Palestinian commandos in the West Bank.

Israeli authorities also Sunday arrested a West Bank journalist, Ismail Ajua, for alleged possession of anti-Israeli

propaganda material.

Ajua, a Palestinian living in the West Bank, is a correspondent of a news agency headed by Mrs. Reimonda a-Tawil of Ramallah. The agency — Palestinian News — reports on West Bank affairs to news organizations abroad.

One person remained in serious condition Monday after Sunday night's explosion and Mayor Teddy Kollek was to meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin to discuss security on buses in the capital city.

Hospital officials said eight persons remained hospitalized overnight out of 22 persons injured in the evening blast, which was caused by a kilogram of explosives placed under a back seat of the bus.

The explosion occurred on a No. 12 bus, which begins its route in Arab East Jerusalem and ends in Bayit Vegan, a religious Jewish neighborhood on the city's west side. In June an explosion on the same bus line killed six Israelis and wounded 20.

Israel radio reported that the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed credit for Sunday's bombing.

Saddam Hussein meets Bakr after Cuban visit

BAGHDAD, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Saddam Hussein, vice-chairman of the ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), arrived home Monday after a one-week official visit to the Soviet Union and Cuba.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported that shortly after his arrival from Havana Hussein called on President Ahmed Hassan Bakr.

During his stay in Cuba Hussein signed an agreement providing for economic cooperation between the two countries.

In Moscow, the Iraqi leader discussed his country's military needs, with the Soviet Union agreeing to bolster Iraq's defensive power.

Relations between the Soviet Union and Iraq became strained early in 1978, following an anti-Communist crackdown in Iraq and the arrest and execution of a number of army officers for alleged illegal political activity.

While in Cuba Hussein's trip included a fast-paced tour of factories, hospitals and schools.

The newspaper "Juventud Rebelde" said Sunday in a commentary on the visit that the trip had helped to tighten relations.

300 Yemenis defect from South to North

SANAA, Dec. 18 (R) — About 300 soldiers and officers from the South Yemeni regular forces have fled to North Yemen with their arms and military equipment, North Yemen's Interior Minister Abdul-Aziz Al-Barati said here Monday.

He said North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh issued instructions to provide them with the necessary accommodations.

Libyan aid to Arabs said 'conditional'

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (UPI) — President Moammar Qaddafi has set conditions for continued Libyan aid to Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), according to reports published in Beirut Monday.

The conditions were approved at a meeting Sunday of Libya's General People's Congress — which was chaired by Qaddafi and attended by several Palestinian leaders.

Under the terms, Syria and Jordan must open their borders to guerrilla action and the Palestinian groups must unite before being eligible to Libyan aid, the reports said.

While Syria and the PLO maintain good relations, the Syrian frontier is all but closed to Palestinian action against Israel.

Jordan, while presently involved in a fence-mending dialogue with the PLO, remains opposed to any guerrilla presence on its soil.

King Hussein's army dislodged the commandos from Jordan in 1970.

Among the Palestinian leaders present at the Congress were PLO chairman and Fatah leader Yasser Arafat, and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader George Hachash.

In his closing speech to the Congress, Qaddafi said unity was important for the com-

mandos to return to Jordan and to get out of South Lebanon "where they are between the anvil of Israel and the hammer of the isolationist (Christian militia) Forces."

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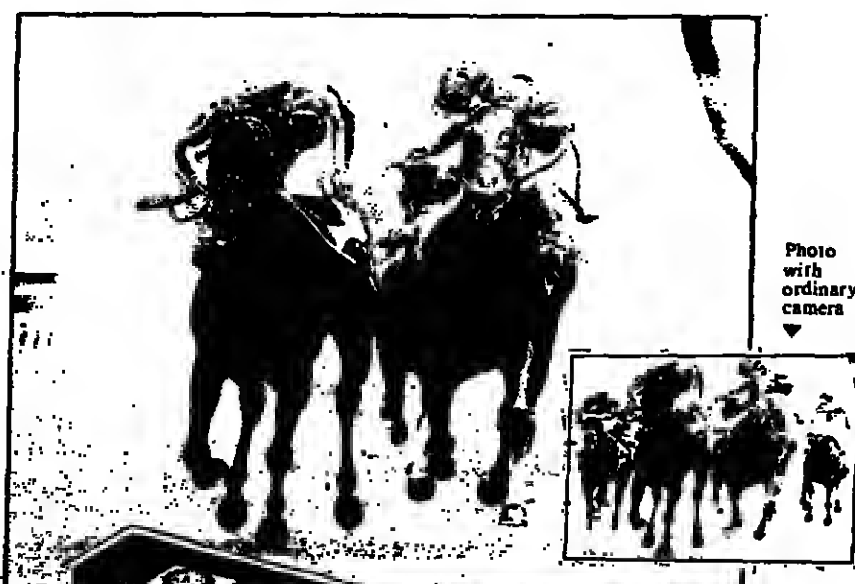


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Israeli minister wants Sinai oilfields developed

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (R) — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i was quoted Monday as saying that, because the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty talks were deadlocked, Israel could make further investment in the Suez Gulf oilfields.

Moda'i told the "Jerusalem Post" that oil drilling and extraction plans in Sinai would take account of the fact that an Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula was not expected in the near future.

He said his ministry's policy was that investments in drilling equipment and other installations in the Gulf should be reimbursed before Israel's withdrawal from Sinai under a peace agreement with Egypt.

Some 20,000 barrels are currently being extracted daily from Gulf oilfields and Moda'i hopes it will double by the end of next year.

Israel has agreed to give up

the Suez Gulf oil in the first stage of its withdrawal from Sinai, nine months after a peace accord is signed. The first stage calls for a pull-back to a line running from el Arish to Sharm Sheikh.

Bomb hits Jewish flat in N. Paris

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AP) — A Paris apartment frequented by young Israelis was damaged by a bomb Sunday night, but there were no injuries, police said.

The bomb was said to contain a large amount of explosive and damage was substantial from the midnight blast, officials said.

There was no indication who planted the bomb in the building located in north central Paris in an area with many Middle Eastern communities, officials said.

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●NEW YORK: Two men — one carrying a dynamite bomb and the other an officer of the new Jewish Defense League — were arrested Monday on charges of plotting to bomb the Egyptian government tourist office in Rockefeller Center, the FBI announced.

●DOHA: President Mobutu

Sese Seko of Zaire wrapped up a two-day official visit to Qatar Monday and left the country, the official Qatari News Agency said.

●MOSCOW: The Soviet Union Monday announced the appointment of Felix Fedotov as new Soviet ambassador to South Yemen.

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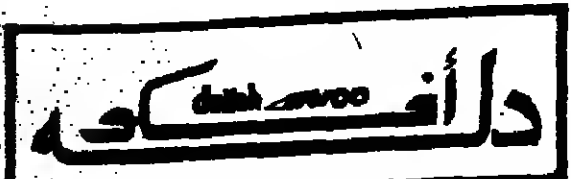
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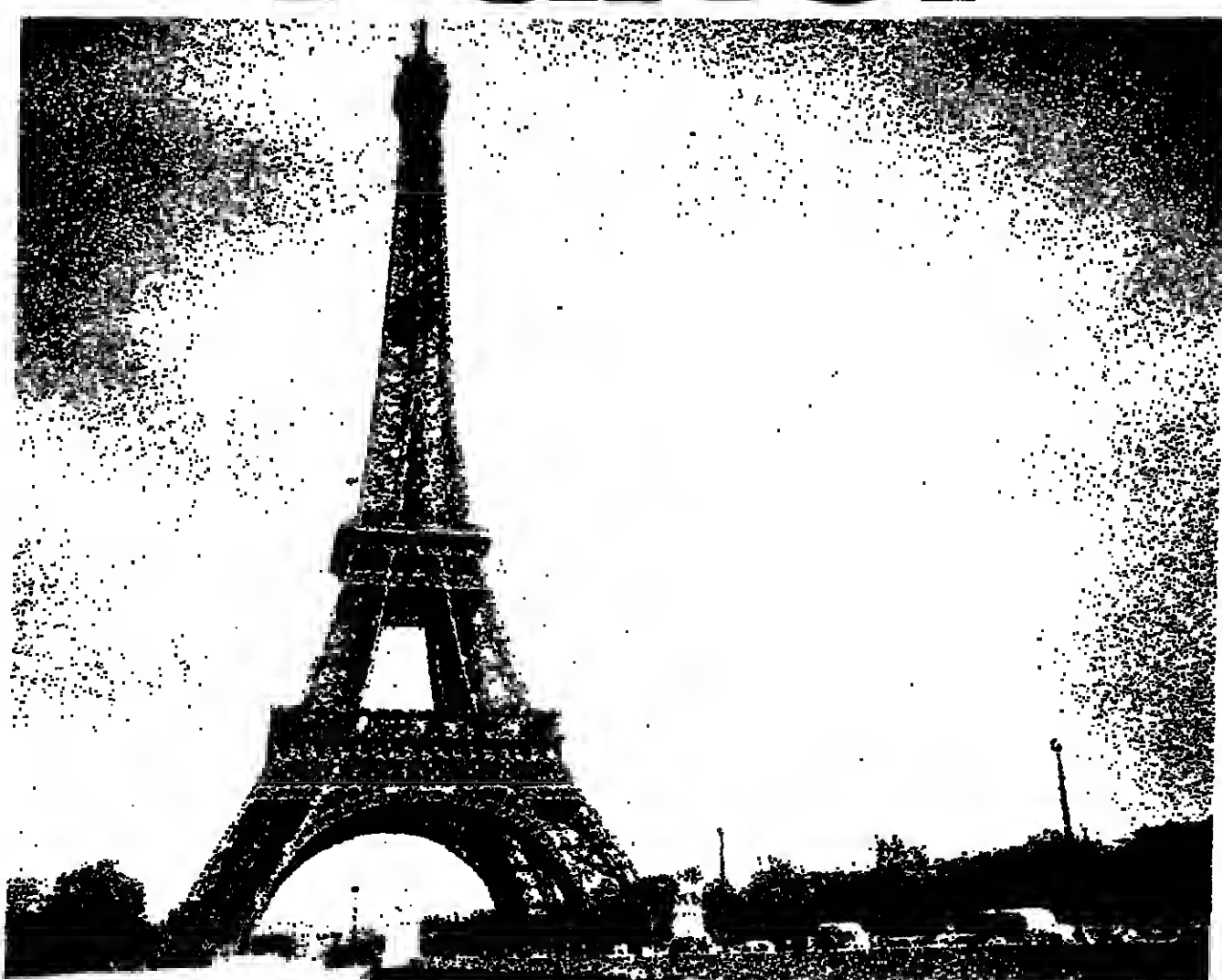
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Japanese premier barely escapes knife assassin

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira narrowly escaped injury Monday when a rightist armed with a knife tried to attack him, police said.

Ohira was unhurt in the incident, which occurred when he was entering a chauffeured car at his official residence in central Tokyo.

The attacker, identified as Sumio Hirose, 21, was overpowered by bodyguards as he burst through a crowd of reporters and rushed towards Ohira.

Two bodyguards were slightly injured in the scuffle and two drops of blood were seen on the ground near the car.

Police said the attacker, who was taken into custody, also carried a long written appeal to Ohira, who is considered a moderate conservative in political circles.

Police reported later that the appeal supported Yukio

Mishima, a rightwing novelist who committed suicide in 1970 after failing to instigate a military coup.

Ohira was the fifth Japanese premier to be attacked by a rightist since 1955.

Ohira, 68, took over as prime minister Dec. 8 after his election as president the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Unofficial accounts said Hirose had been seen throughout the day in a room reserved for reporters in a building separate from the prime minister's residence on the compound grounds. Asked what he was doing without proper accreditation, he was said to have replied, "I'm from the press and I've been asked to take shorthand. I'm waiting for the reporter."

He attempted to approach the prime minister as Ohira was leaving shortly after 5 p.m.

Ohira left for his private residence in another part of Tokyo seven minutes later.

Police said the young man told them that he is a former member of what it called Kokubo Seinentai (Defense Youth League), a rightist group.



Masayoshi Ohira escapes assassin

Gaullist chief tells justice aide to quit

PARIS, Dec. 18 (R) — French Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte, under attack from fellow Gaullists for criticizing party leader Jacques Chirac, said Monday that Chirac had asked him to leave the party.

Peyrefitte last week circulated an open letter calling statements by Chirac on government policy towards Europe "nutragedous and regrettable."

Monday, the minister said after, seeing Prime Minister Raymond Barre that he had just

received a letter from the Gaullist leader asking for his resignation.

"The tone (of the letter), I can't hide it, upset me," Peyrefitte said.

Peyrefitte criticized Chirac after the Gaullist leader protested that France's European policy accepted the concept of a supranational Europe with France's consequent decline.

The affair has threatened to split the Gaullist Party, the largest in the center-right government.

Midnight bombs explode in London

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — After attacking central London with two car bombs, Provisional IRA terrorists Monday night warned Britons they could switch to inflicting heavy civilian casualties.

A 13.6 kgs bomb left in a hired car exploded outside government offices soon after midnight and the second car bomb blew up in an underground car park three minutes later.

An old man was slightly injured. Seven small bombs planted in shops in five British cities on Sunday wounded nine people.

Intelligence services had warned police of an impending Christmas bombing campaign.

"Do not remain complacent because of the nature of these attacks," the IRA said in a statement telephoned to newspapers.

"We deliberately chose this time and the targets. We now give due warning to you, the English people, that in future both the targets and the timing might be changed," the statement said.

The second bomb early Monday morning exploded minutes after the first in another hired car, a yellow Chrysler, parked in the basement of a nearby YMCA hotel.

It weighed between two and five kg. Students living at the hotel were evacuated. Two people were slightly injured.

The second bomb started a fire and ignited the petrol tank of another vehicle, which

also blew up, leading to initial reports of three deaths.

Armed police patrolled Heathrow Airport Monday morning looking for any suspicious packages "no matter how innocent they look."

Calling elections superfluous, Brussels government resigns

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Paul vanden Boeynants handed his government's resignation to King Baudouin Monday after general elections which he said were superfluous and solved nothing.

The king accepted the resignation and asked vanden Boeynants to continue in office as a caretaker until a new cabinet can be formed.

Sunday's election resulted only in marginal gains or losses in terms of votes for the parties in the outgoing coalition.

and with returns almost complete, it appeared no party would win a majority.

Voters, apparently disgruntled with political maneuvering among leading parties, turned instead to the opposition, giving the Flemish Liberal (conservative) Party 10.3 per cent, up two per cent, for five more seats.

It was the largest single and most significant gain by any group, and may well open the door again to Liberal participation in the next coalition.

Before Sunday's vote, a

four-party coalition held 172 of the 212 seats in the House of Representatives, and 147 of the 181 seats in the Senate.

The Flemish Social Christian Party of former Prime Minister Leo Tindemans gained one seat, for a total of 57 representatives, with slightly more than 26 per cent of the vote, slightly down from last year's elections. The CVP, believed responsible for the breakup of the old coalition, failed to achieve the big surge it had hoped for in Flemish-speaking Flanders.

Temple bequeaths \$7m to Soviets, inquest told

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 18 (R) — The Peoples' Temple bequeathed over \$7 million to the Soviet Communist Party before Jim Jones led more than 900 of his followers to their deaths in a mass suicide-murder pact, the inquest into the deaths has been told.

The will, signed by Maria Katsaris, Jones' secretary was found in a suitcase of money. Three survivors of the pact in the jungle commune Nov. 18

said they had been told to take the suitcase to the Soviet Embassy in Georgetown.

One of four covering letters by a woman named Annie McGowan said the temple was giving the money to the Soviet Communist Party "because we as communists want our people to be of benefit for help to oppressed peoples all over the world or in any way that your decision-making body sees fit."

Athens' night of bombs laid to right extremists

ATHENS, Dec. 18 (AP) — More than 40 bombs exploded in Athens Sunday night, causing material damage and injuring seven people, a police announcement said.

Police said rightist extremists were responsible and said several suspects were being questioned.

The bombs were home-made

and exploded within the space of two hours at various points in the city center, police said.

The devices were identical to those used twice before in suspected right wing bombings, the police said. Those convicted for the previous bombings professed loyalty to the dictatorship that ruled Greece until 1974.

Peru authorities notice crime rate

LIMA, Dec. 18 (R) — Thieves have stolen the watches of Peru's prime minister and one of his top police chiefs — bringing home the growing problem of crime in the streets of Lima. The prime minister, Gen. Oscar Molina, was out taking a walk in the capital when a man snatched his wrist-watch and fled on a motorcycle.

Shipwrecked Viets struggle ashore

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 18 (AP) — Clinging to rubber tubes and empty oil drums, 270 Vietnamese refugees made it safely to shore after their wooden boat struck coral reefs 30 meters offshore. The information department told reporters in Kuala Trengganu on Monday that another boat with 113 refugees managed to land at Batu Buruk beach near Kuala Trengganu at mid-night Sunday.

\$5.8m later, inquiry draws blank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — After spending \$5.8 million tracking down evidence, the U.S. House of Representatives Assassinations Committee may conclude this week that it can't draw any conclusions on the deaths of President John Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Amin, father of 34, marries

NAIROBI, Dec. 18 (AP) — President Idi Amin, husband to two wives and father of 34 children, has apparently married for the sixth time, Nairobi's "Daily Nation" reported Monday. The paper quoting unidentified sources, said the bride was named Babirye and that the wedding took place at the presidential lodge in Jinja, about 73 kilometers east of Kampala.

Cubans stay, Angola tells U.S.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18 (UPI) — Radio Luanda said Monday that Angolan President Agostinho Neto has rejected American demands for the withdrawal of Cuban troops as a condition of diplomatic recognition. "Angola will not be enslaved to preconditions or to neo-colonialism," the radio quoted Neto as saying. "With a number of countries we will only have trade relations for a long time to come."

3/4 of Americans back SALT pact

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — Three-quarters of the American people back a new SALT treaty between the U.S. and the Soviet Union that would place limits on nuclear weapons, an Associated Press-NBC news poll shows. Seventy-two per cent of those interviewed oppose such a pact and 8 per cent are not sure.

Equatorial Guinea under fire

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (UPI) — The International Commission of Jurists Monday denounced President Macias Nguema of Equatorial Guinea for human rights violations including torture and summary execution.

3 rebel suspects killed in Argentina

ROSARIO, Argentina, Dec. 18 (AP) — Three suspected left-wing guerrillas were killed in a shootout with soldiers and police, the army has reported. A communique said the house was raided after informants reported the occupants were "engaged in suspicious activities."



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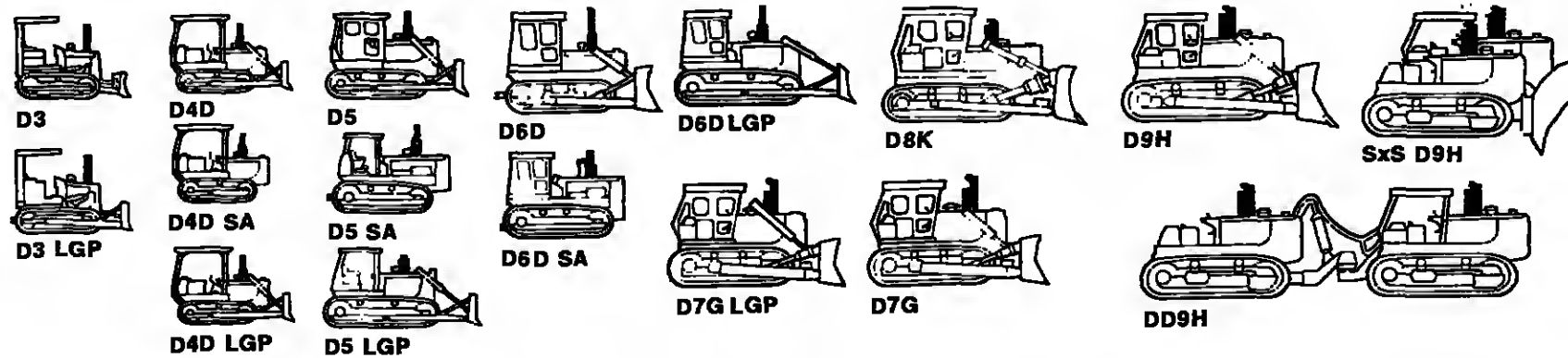
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The decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise oil prices by the amount they were raised has provoked a strong wave of "regret", "surprise" and "indignation" in industrial countries. The decision was denounced for introducing inflationary and deflationary pressures on the economies of the industrial giants. Officials were quick to point out the adverse effects the decision would have on "international economic stability."

But, a few years ago oil producers offered industrial countries a choice to link oil prices to a "commodity basket" of industrial goods—a proposal that would have given the industrialists almost the final say in determining oil prices. The offer was ignored.

Nevertheless OPEC continued to show good faith, and the decision on a 15 per cent price increase is another sign of this goodwill, since it comes only after a two-year freeze in oil prices. The industrial world seems to overlook the fact that a 15 per cent increase over a period of three years falls well below the inflation rate in industrial countries as a group, and that OPEC has been very moderate — perhaps even benevolent.

Unfortunately, international economic stability has become, in the industrialists' view, synonymous with the well-being of their own societies. In the clamor that followed the OPEC decision, not a single voice was raised to explain the priorities and the staggering development needs of oil producers. International stability and well-being is a two-way street, and oil producers have treated it as such, even to the extent of doing harm to their own economies.

The two-year freeze on oil prices imposed in January 1977 is but one example. If there is to be reclamation and value judgements, the industrial world will have to put its own house in order, and make a sincere effort to put "international stability" before nationalistic interests. It is perhaps all too easy to blame OPEC for all the economic woes of industrial societies, but the fact remains that the industrial nations in no way act as a group, and until they can, there is little hope of attaining the cherished goal.

American and European efforts to get Japan to narrow its balance of trade surplus have largely been wasted. Japanese and American efforts to convince Germany to increase its growth rate, have also failed. Japanese and European efforts to get the U.S. to lessen dependence on foreign oil to put straight its balance of payments fiasco have fared no better.

In the final analysis, deeds and not rhetoric should be the key to the seemingly elusive goal. Until conservation becomes a reality and until serious efforts are made to develop alternative energy sources, oil — already a scarce commodity — will become even scarcer, and this fact will be reflected in its price.

"IT'S ALL RIGHT BECAUSE THEY'RE SINCERE"



Hardening Egyptian views

By Hilmi Toros

CAIRO — "Begin is no good." The newspaper vendor slams his clenched fist on a stack of publications. "Why, he says 'no' to peace. We are strong, but want peace. He, no?"

It's a good thing Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin or his ministers weren't around to hear what he said. Osmani is once again beyond debating stage. His Arab blood is boiling.

Osman, like many Egyptians, is hardening his views of Israel, particularly of Begin, now that the Dec. 17 deadline for an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty has elapsed without an agreement and the peace "battle" is fading.

In Cairo's humming bazaars and smoke-filled tea houses, the talk of the "chai (tea) society" is still on peace and war is barely mentioned.

But the mood always fluctuates. Gone, for instance, is the spirit of President Anwar Sadat's "no-more-war" Knesset speech, the cautious cordiality of the Sadat-Begin encounter in Ismailia and the days, less than a year ago, when Cairo, to their own surprise, greeted Israeli diplomats. Even the embraces of Camp David, just three months ago, seem to have been forgotten.

If the root of the Arab-Israeli conflict is 75 per cent psychological, as President Sadat once diagnosed, diplomats may have failed also as psychiatrists. Egyptian authorities have yet to decide what Begin's public image here should be. In the past 13 months, state-

controlled media have branded the Israeli prime minister as an arrogant terrorist and "Shylock" whose only merit as co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize was to await Sadat at the airport while the "hero of (1973) war" became "champion of peace" with his historic Jerusalem journey.

The influential "Al-Ahram" daily has resumed attacks on Israeli "deception." But, significantly, the Israeli people themselves are spared any blame.

And U.S. President Jimmy Carter enjoys unmatched popularity, possibly more than at home and certainly more than any American president since Eisenhower spoke out against the British-French-Israeli folly in 1956.

Publicly and privately, Sadat remains paramount in the minds of the Egyptians. No mention is ever made of an alternative to him or his peace policy, although he has lost two foreign ministers in the past 13 months.

Arab states that either remain skeptical or oppose Sadat's peace drive are barely mentioned, as Egyptians now stress nationalism at the expense of pan-Arabism in a sharp reversal from the era of Gamal Abdul Nasser.

"The Syrians and Iraqis don't really want peace," says Anis Mansour, a friend of Sadat and editor of "October" magazine. "They wish to ... retain the status quo in the Middle East."

Adds schoolteacher Mubammad Ahmad: "Sadat is alone

in the arena of peace. Begin knows Sadat is alone and he's trying to exploit this sad fact to the maximum."

Speculation on future developments is tinged with fears that the faltering peace process may have run its course, despite official reassurance. "Egypt needs peace," says Mansour, "to switch her resources to tackle her accumulated domestic problems."

Egypt was one of the most prosperous Arab lands only a generation ago. Now it's one of the poorest, with an annual per capita income of \$250 and an economy maintained by two billion dollars a year in aid from the United States and Arab oil states.

There are plans — or hopes — to reduce the costly 500,000-man military and transform it to a "peace corps." International tourists are to discover Egypt and go back happy with their accommodations. Some dream of TV sets, spare parts for 20-year-old cars, homes with solid roofs.

A Cairo accountant points out that a well-paid administrator, with a salary of about \$300 a month, falls in the 25 per cent tax bracket, with 4 per cent directly taken out for military spending.

"I hope that the direct defense tax will just vanish and even the indirect increased international investment and further worldwide fascination with Egypt."

But as daily news bulletins indicate, peace is certainly not around one corner and prosperity the next. —(AP)

Bottom line in human freedom

By Ronald Reagan

BERLIN — If the words "Berlin Wall" conjure up an image of a hastily constructed concrete-block affair with strands of barbed wire on top, see what has happened to it in the 17 years since that August in 1961 when the Soviets decided to seal in the population of East Berlin.

Just before the wall went up, the flow of refugees from the Soviet's eastern sector to the Allied sectors in the western half of the city reached a rate of 2,000 a day. The rush to freedom by East Berliners was crippling the economy of East Berlin and, with it, East Germany. Today, the number of escapes is down to a trickle — a few dozen a year (though, ironically, quite a few of them are East German guards).

Today's Berlin Wall still splits neighborhoods, bisects buildings and snakes its way from north to south the length of this 50-mile-long city, but it does more: it also goes completely around West Berlin, cutting off all contact between the free sectors of the city and the East German countryside.

The wall of 1978 is a cast concrete affair, a sophisticated piece of work with a large concrete roll along the top, making it very difficult to climb over. Once a person reaches the wall itself he must go over small ones on the east side; cross a run guarded by attack dogs; brave searchlights, automatically-fired machine guns, barbed wire and other obstacles — in many cases — a swim in the River Spree. No wonder so few make it. But, what a testimony to human spirit that any do so under the

circumstances. West Berlin today is full of life, full of prosperity and full of new buildings. Traffic is thick and people are well-dressed.

We went over into East Berlin to compare impressions. Even allowing for the dark wet skies (the same ones hovering over the colorful streets of West Berlin), the Soviet-controlled sector of the city seems a cheerless place. There are plenty of people on the streets and in the stores, but unlike West Berliners, they are not laughing, talking, jostling. You don't have to take many steps to find evidence of the controls over their lives. In a big department store, filled with people and cheap-looking (but not inexpensive) goods, an American, newsmen with our party was sternly told he could not take photos. Just outside, in Alexander Platz, within 50 yards of one another, two sets of Vopos (the nickname for the ever-present "people's police") stopped two young men, apparently at random, demanding to see their internal passports.

Beyond that, the buildings are drab. Some are poor copies of Western high-rise buildings of the late '30s; others heavy in monumental from the Stalin era.

We found ambivalent views in West Berlin about the East-West situation. One American official told us that the U.S. (and Allied) presence in West Berlin makes it possible to preserve the city as a symbol of freedom not only to the 2 million West Berliners, but to millions of others in Middle and Eastern Europe who live on hope. He said we must never leave so long as Ger-

many is divided. Yet, later in the conversation, when a visitor asked him if there were ever any riots by West Berliners to sabotage the wall so more could escape from the East, he said, "We don't encourage escape." In other words, don't rock the boat. Others added that "someday, time is on our side." Maybe, but I doubt the Russians will be passive while we wait.

The contradictory statements of that American official reflect two distinct views I found in discussions with West German leaders (from various areas of the political spectrum). Some want accommodation with the Russians above all, hoping that increased trade will somehow make the Soviets dependent and thus peaceful. Others, more realistic, understand that what the Russians want is not war in Western Europe but control over its industrial capacity and that they will get it by inundating (their SS-20) rockets can devastate an area (the SALT negotiations have not dealt with the particulars of Western European security and the German realists worry that if the U.S. approves a SALT II treaty that checkmates U.S. strategic weapons, the Soviet hand will be strengthened for future negotiations over Western Europe.

The bottom line is still human freedom. At one extreme of the Berlin Wall (dubbed "the artists corner") where President Carter visited (and the Communists lowered the flag before he painted out graffiti) there is one huge spray-painted graffiti that reads: "Those beyond this wall live in a concentration camp." —(KFS)

Let's not forget the Horn

By Colin Legum

LONDON — In the Horn of Africa, now largely unreported in the news media, the killing continues on a terrible scale, while the Russians and Cubans adventurously stand by their commitment to help consolidate the Marxist-Leninist revolution proclaimed by Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam's military regime. Because the weapons being used in Ethiopia come not from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization powers but exclusively from the Warsaw Pact members, while the troops come from Cuba, the campuses in the West are silent. So, too, is the rest of Western opinion.

In the Moscow-oriented part of the Communist world, the heavy toll of human misery is justified in the name of Marx, Lenin and the spirit of progressive revolutionary struggle.

One recalls a time when Marxists actually believed that the success of "progressive revolutions" depended on the masses' popular support. Revolution, after Trotsky, was not supposed to be exported; nowadays it is, in order to export huge quantities of Soviet weapons to support struggling minority regimes. This is what happened in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and it is now happening in Ethiopia.

In that noble old land, the masses, who have been slow to respond to the banner of Mengistu's "popular cause," are being flattened by MiGs, "Stalin organs" (122-mm rocket missiles) and TU-34 tanks. There are, today, perhaps

a hundred times the number of political prisoners than in the worst period of the late Emperor Haile Selassie's rule.

Not all of them are by any means supporters of feudalism; their crime is that they are counterrevolutionaries. In this category belong hundreds of idealistic young Marxists who tried to stand up against the kind of revolution that requires huge quantities of foreign arms and troops for its success.

Ethiopia has become a new kind of battleground in the Third World. It is no Vietnam, nor even Angola. If anything, it is Spain during the civil war period of the 1930s — but in reverse. There, the fascist powers provided the arms that enabled Gen. Francisco Franco to establish his regime, while the democracies stood by in a comfortable posture of non-intervention.

In Ethiopia it is the Communists; powers who are providing the "superior arms" to help nail down an overrepresentative regime on an unwilling populace — and, once again, the democracies are maintaining a careful non-interventionist role.

A new phrase is creeping into the language of Marxists in the Third World: "superior arms." The argument among those advocating revolutionary change is that, in choosing your "strategic allies," it is necessary to be sure that they possess "superior arms." It can be a very convincing argument when used among desperate people who have genuine reasons for abandoning hope in democratic

methods of struggle. I recently met a black South African who has just completed a 15-year spell of imprisonment on Robben Island. He told me that the most politically divisive issue on the island, where South Africa keeps those convicted of politically-inspired crimes, is over the issue of whether allies should be chosen on the basis simply of "superior arms."

What happened in Angola in 1975 obviously made a deep impression on the thinking of the prisoners on the island.

And if Ethiopia goes the way the Russians and Cubans are determined it will go, it would predictably strengthen this impression.

The Soviet Union's "superior weapons" have at long last begun to have their effect on the tough 18-year-old Eritrean struggle. However, despite the recent successes, the fighting is by no means over in Eritrea — any more, than it is in the Ogaden, Bale, Sidamo, Tigre and in other Ethiopian provinces.

Nevertheless, democrats who have no answer of their own to the question of how to resist the Russians without themselves getting back into the business of peddling arms in the Third World, fool themselves by repeating that "in the end" the Russians will be found to have dug their own graves in Ethiopia. It is a comforting thought, but it is not necessarily true. But if the Russians and Cubans should in the end be found to have dug their own graves in the Horn, that will be no thanks to the enemies of totalitarianism. (NYT)

saudi press review

Saudi papers commented favorably on the OPEC decision to increase oil prices. They unanimously agreed that it was Saudi Arabia's prudent policy and moderation that tipped the balance in favor of a moderate rise to enable the OPEC states to make up for the losses because of the dollar's decline and the rising rates of inflation.

The papers said that the OPEC conference was able to face up to the challenges posed by international economic developments and came out with a moderate resolution with which the industrialized states could deal.

"Al-Riyadh" said "the Saudi

voice during the conference was audible throughout the various phases of the discussions. As usual, the Kingdom earned the respect of the world and its confidence due to its reasonable and moderate stand that avoided any damage to the world economy.

"The Kingdom led the way to a moderate increase that would compensate member states for their dollar losses and at the same time persuaded the other states to remain within the dollar orbit although several members wanted to shun the dollar in favor of a basket of currencies. The Kingdom proved the dollar is still the favorable medium of pay-

ment for oil exports. "The OPEC resolution," according to the paper, "has shown that OPEC has a deep and abiding sense of responsibility to the rest of the world. Moreover, it has shown that the OPEC states do not lack unity and are aware of the need for international price equilibrium."

"Al-Bilad" said the unanimity of the OPEC resolution has shown that the organization "is capable of looking further ahead into the future."

"Details of the price increase reveal that OPEC has been able to subvert its disillusionment with the dollar and to

accept a measure of self-sacrifice in the larger interest of the world economy and to help increase cooperation between the industrialized states and the developing ones.

"In this sense," the paper added, "the OPEC resolution was not entirely economic. Political considerations were very much part of it. "OPEC hoped that the rest of the world would appreciate such sacrifices and assist in solving the problems that threaten world security and stability specially that of the Middle East."

"Al-Medina" called on the developed states to review the

prices they charge for their goods and services "so that the profit motive may not be necessarily the highest priority in their consideration. The developing states expect the industrialized ones to show a substantial measure of selflessness in dealing with them."

The paper said that "no economic or oil expert can justly claim that the price hike is unreasonable or exorbitant or harmful to the international economy. Whatever price is demanded for oil at present will have to be paid on pain of causing serious disruption to the industry and communications of the world."



Jeddah Bowling Center

Jeddah's newest sports facility

By F. W. Rawding
Al Hamrani and Dakhlil Enterprises, have put Jeddah into the lead by establishing here the first 24-lane pin bowling center in the Kingdom.

The Jeddah Bowling Center, at kilo 9, Medina Road North, was opened on Dec. 13 by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, whose concern for the welfare of Saudi youth is well known and who has taken a personal interest in the development of the center since its inception.

Sheikh Muhammad al Hamrani and Ahmad Dakhlil, partners in the enterprise, first discussed in 1972, Dakhlil explained.

The new generation, especially those who have traveled abroad, are looking for new forms of sport and entertainment. Bowling is an innocent recreation, it is good exercise, and there can be no objection to it on moral or cultural grounds. By 1977, we thought that the time was ripe to proceed," he said.

Feasibility studies followed, land was acquired and a li-

cerise to build was applied for. "Prince Faisal gave the scheme his support on one condition," Dakhlil said, "that the project must be a first class job enhancing the reputation of the Kingdom."

Grovethorpe International Limited, a London firm, were appointed principal design consultants. The steel structure was erected by Asperion Ltd. of Great Britain and all the specialist equipment was supplied and installed by Electrical and Mechanical Services Ltd. of Windsor, near London. Two Saudi consultant engineers, Abdul Aziz al Najam and Yousef Zeima, were also commissioned to advise. The project was completed at a cost of 16 million Riyals in just ten months, which was three months under the target date. It includes a fully independent power supply which is necessary for the proper functioning of the equipment.

The administrative, operational and support staff number 20 in all. They include a chef and two cooks for the

center's restaurant, exclusive to members and their guests.

The center can accommodate 120 players at a time and as many spectators and guests. There is an enclosed car park for the convenience of members.

Indoor amenities include plenty of comfortable sitting space, a souvenir and equipment shop, a restaurant, a coffee shop, excellent toilet and locker facilities, an automated system for air conditioning and comprehensive public safety equipment. The whole atmosphere is one of comfort, cleanliness and hyper efficiency.

Dakhlil explained membership arrangements. There are group memberships, of which there are about 10 at present, which have been taken out by large companies and hotels. The charges are SR 1,400 per group member per year. This side of the business, though important, will not be allowed to expand to the detriment of private memberships. Of these, there are about two hundred at present, for which the fee is SR 4,200 per year. Private

members may invite two guests at a time. House fees of nine Riyals per person per session are levied in addition to membership fees. The normal arrangement is to play three sets in a session of one hour.

A regular series of league matches on Tuesday and Saturday evenings has already started. So far, there are two leagues. Prince Faisal's and the Jeddah Bowling Center's. The Lockheed League is due to start playing in early January. It is likely that the center will generate the sort of enthusiasm which will ensure that bowling will become a popular local competitive sport. The center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight.

Dakhlil said the center "is a good example of how the private sector can become involved in positive schemes which are conducive to the welfare of youth." He added that he believes that there will soon be a demand to set up a similar facility in Riyadh.



Players lined up for the opening game for The Prince Faisal Cup.

Residential diplomacy

The struggle of Mrs. Enayat Taher

By Shyam Bhatia

CAIRO—The Cairo professor of English whose actions led to the recent break in relations between Egypt and Bulgaria is unrepentant about the diplomatic ripples she has caused.

Neighbors say the screams of Mrs. Enayat Taher, mother of two grown-up daughters, wife of a senior civil servant and herself the daughter of a retired chief justice of the supreme court, sparked off an anti-Bulgarian street riot and the diplomatic break that followed.

Senior foreign diplomats in the Egyptian capital are concerned that the Egyptian police occupation of Bulgaria's embassy, before relations were broken off, is a serious departure from accepted international norms. They say the Egyptian action is a worrying precedent for the future.

The history of Egypt's recent relations with Bulgaria is intimately wound up with the story of the Taher family, who have been sitting tenants for the past 18 years on the second floor of No. 6, Malik Al Afdal Street, Zamalek, one of the more attractive residential areas of Cairo.

When the Bulgarian Embassy bought the building more than two years ago the Tahers, despite a Bulgarian offer of \$300,000 to find alternative accommodation, refused to move out.

In a city where good apartments are scarcer than gold dust, the Taher's reactions are understandable. The Bulgarians either had to offer them a similar flat or improve their cash offer so they could find one on their own. They did neither, says Mrs. Taher.

Instead, she claims, the embassy planned a two-year campaign aimed at forcing the entire family to leave. Events came to a head last weekend when the Taher daughters were allowed into the building to enter their flat, while Mrs. Taher herself was locked out. In the street riot that followed, a Bulgarian guard fired his pistol into the air, leading to an Egyptian government protest and later to the occupation of the entire building by police.

"I think they had some sort of December deadline by which to get us out," says Mrs. Taher, "and they were prepared

to use any tactics."

In an interview, she described some of those tactics: "First you must understand they tried to separate me from my husband. They were always very civilized to him, but made it a point to be rude to the rest of us."

"We were often kept waiting outside the building for half-an-hour or more before being allowed inside. One time they shut off the water mains to the kitchen and we had to use

water from the bathroom for cooking."

"Another time they blocked the drainage and water welled up inside the flat. It was horrible, horrible. When I protested the ambassador said if our government was too weak to get us out, his government was not."

The Bulgarians for their part have denied Mrs. Taher's charges.

Before leaving for Sofia recently, a Bulgarian Embassy official hinted that the Tahers refused to leave because they were eavesdropping on behalf of the Egyptian government.

The diplomatic row between Egypt and Bulgaria is expected to give international lawyers much food for thought. Bulgaria says Egypt violated diplomatic conventions by allowing its police to occupy Bul-

garian territory. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry says the embassy was only partly on Bulgarian territory because one flat in the building was lawfully leased by an Egyptian family.

Mrs. Taher for her part says she does not care about the arguments. "It's our flat in there. We live in it and we are going back," she declared. — (OFNS)

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Revival of the Spanish guitar

By Louis Fleming

MADRID—Spain may not have invented the guitar, but most people think it did, which is just one reason why Spanish musicians and guitar-makers find themselves at the center of an international surge of interest in the instrument.

"There is a guitar boom around the world," Jose Tomas said, interrupting a rendition of the Fifth Prelude by Villa-Lobos.

Tomas is part of the boom. His instrument is a masterpiece of the Spanish artisans. He teaches at the Oscar Esplá Institute, in Alicante, where students come from as far away as Canada and Japan. He adores music of the Renaissance and the Baroque period but he was entertaining himself with a modern Brazilian piece.

So the conservatories are full, Spanish artists play around the world to standing room only audiences, and there are waiting lists for the precious \$1,500 guitars from Spain's best workshops.

"Everybody thinks we invented the guitar but we don't know when it was developed," one Spanish expert said. The oldest record we know of is an Assyrian drawing dating to 600 B.C. that shows a four string guitar.

Some four string instruments survive, such as the Hawaiian Ukelele but the guitar itself has undergone great transformations beginning in the Renaissance transition from medieval to modern times, and today's classic guitar has six strings.

History, apart, however, a Spaniard rediscovered for the 20th century world the meaning of the guitar. He is Andres Segovia, the most celebrated concert guitarist in the history of the instrument, who reminded modern musicians that the guitar can do much more than render romantic accompaniment to love ballads. He showed once again its diversity in interpreting every kind of music.

Segovia has been using the guitars of Jose Ramirez for 18 years.

"This is the first of my guitars that Segovia used," Ramirez said as he walked to an ornate case in the basement studio of his company in the old part of Madrid. He opened the glass door and reverently took out the instrument. "Whenever I make a better one I exchange it with him. The last one was two years ago."

Three guitars hang in the special case, each one used by Segovia. Mounted next to them is the program for a 1967 concert that Segovia gave in Madrid. Ramirez picked it up with a pained expression.

"I get a little mad at him," Ramirez said. "He never

gives credit to the guitar-maker in the program like these others." He nodded towards two lesser-known concert guitarists who had come into the studio.

One of them smiled and said: "With Segovia it doesn't matter what guitar he uses."

Conversation was not easy in the studio. In the far corner Victor Hongo—known to the concert world as Serrano—was entertaining a few friends. He is one of Spain's most celebrated flamenco guitarists. The room was filled with the brilliant music so much a part of the Spanish tradition.

Ramirez stopped to listen for a moment, the master craftsman thrilling to the results of his work. "I don't play," he said with an enigmatic smile.

"I had to make a choice, to be a player or to build guitars. Only a very expert player can test a guitar. So I have my friends do the testing and I do the making."

Actually, Ramirez has had little time in the last 20 years to do much building himself. Business is too demanding.

His grandfather, Jose Ramirez, started the business in 1882. His father, Jose Ramirez, continued the work. Now he, the third Jose, has a son, also Jose, to carry on another generation and a daughter, too, with great promise as a guitar maker.

Jose Ramirez does the planning and the designing. The outline of a lute—the stringed, pear-shaped instrument—lay on the table before him, his latest project. In the workshop across the street, used by the family for 88 years, there are 22 artisans who do the actual construction.

"About four months are required from start to finish," Ramirez explained. "Each worker does four at a time. Much of the time goes into the slow drying of special varnishes."

The annual output is 1,200 guitars—1,000 classical six-string, 100 classical eight-string, and 100 flamenco, "lighter, grayer sounding, the kind you play at a party."

His daughter, Amalia, 23, was sitting next to him now as he talked and his compliments made her lower her head with a smile.

"My son is very good but my daughter is very, very good with her hands," he said. "She may be one of the first women to build guitars."

Designs continue to evolve. Ramirez turned to another glass case and pointed out three 18th century instruments, small by comparison with his new guitars. Slowly rotating one of his guitars, he said: "The wood is very important, especially the top."

He uses rosewood from In-

dia for the bottom and sides, ebony under the strings, and in the crucial part on top, fir, cedar, spruce or pine from the United States' Pacific northwest.

He also is starting to make his own tuning pegs because he has become disappointed with the quality of those made by others.

Experts here say that this concern for quality is characteristic of no more than two builders in Spain and one each in the United States, England, France, Germany and Japan.

The guitar, like castanets and matadors, symbolizes Spain, but it is more the instrument of the elite than the masses, according to some.

"Music is not taught in regular schools," a Madrid mother lamented.

"You ask me the place of the guitar in modern Spain and I am ashamed of my answers," one musical expert said. "There is a lack of musical education. There are very few good concert players, a big more flamenco."

"But many young people are taking an interest in the guitar influenced by pop music," Prof. Demetrio Balleseros countered. He teaches at the Royal Superior Academy of Music in Madrid. "About half give up when they find how difficult the guitar is, but I now have 84 in classical guitar and we are considering additional classes in flamenco and electronic guitar."

Electronic guitar? "Well, you know electronic music is not only pop but also serious and that is what we will teach," Balleseros said.

There was a hint in what they were saying however that Spain's guitar influence is more widely appreciated abroad than at home.

Balleseros leaves in April for a second tour of American college campuses where he will conduct master's classes and give concerts.

"When I was there two years ago I had a huge turnout for my recitals," he said, pleased at the campus interest in the whole range of guitar music, including Renaissance, Baroque and modern.

Jose Tomas personifies the Spaniards who are serious about the history of guitar music. That fascination explains his choice of an eight-string guitar.

"It gives me two extra basses so that I can play, without sacrificing any of the original notes done for the lute, the vihuela, as well as the guitar."

The vihuela was the choice of Spanish musicians in the 16th century when the lute was common in the rest of Europe. (LAT)

German toy manufacturers are no longer laughing

By Harry Trimborn

GIENGEN, West Germany — The venerable German toy industry, renowned for the style and quality of its wares, views the coming season with a slight tinge of optimism—but for future seasons it sees only a steady decline.

The problem is children. There are just not enough around to sustain toy production and sales, and there will be progressively fewer youngsters in the future. West Germany's birth rate is one of the lowest in the world.

To meet the challenge, toy manufacturers are attempting to broaden the appeal of their wares by producing "adult" toys, collectible and decorator items.

Such efforts, plus growing affluence and leisure time, have blunted the impact of the declining birth rate and prompted cautious optimism over sale for this Christmas season.

In this booming economy, there certainly is no lack of money to buy the toys that the Weihnachtsmann, Germany's version of Santa Claus, will dispose to boys and girls—big or small.

Export sales are hurt by the rising value of the Deutschmark, but the industry is in good shape considering the troubles it suffered with a runaway inflation in between.

But the fact remains that only 9.8 babies are born yearly in West Germany for every

1,000 inhabitants. This gives the country a reproduction rate of only 65 per cent of the current population of just under 60 million. Last year there were 600,000 births, including about 100,000 born to foreign parents. In 1964 the number of births totalled 1.6 million.

The drop—caused by female liberation and the desire of couples to spend money on themselves rather than on children—is considered to be the major problem of the \$1.2 billion-a-year toy industry. Werner Nostheide, general manager of the Toy Promotion Group, said:

"When we brought up this problem five years ago, people in the industry laughed at us. They are no longer laughing."

Dieter Woelz, an official of the Marklin Co. in nearby Goppingen, said the falling birth rate presents a "terrible challenge" to the 120-year-old manufacturer of toy and model electric trains.

"We are still doing all right," said Dieter Kaiser, export manager of the Margarete Steiff Co. here in Giengen, 115 kilometers west of Stuttgart. His firm makes stuffed animals and is the creator of the "Teddy" bear. "But we will have to do something in the future," he added.

Both firms, which represent the extremes of the industry from precision, sophisticated toys that appeal to older children to the soft, cuddly play

things that delight infants, believe that efforts to recoup losses on the domestic market by boosting exports won't help much.

Their major foreign markets are in other parts of Europe, the United States and other industrialized areas that also are experiencing declining birth rates.

"About the only place left for us is Asia and Africa, where birth rates are still climbing," said Marklin's Woelz, "and they are not a big market for electric trains."

Kaiser, just back from a business trip to the Middle East, said Steiff would have difficulty finding customers in the region because of their unfamiliarity with its reputation. Compounding the company's problem is the competition from "cheap" toys manufactured in South Korea and other Asian countries.

Steiff is a family-owned company founded in the mid-19th century by Margarete Steiff, a polio-stricken dressmaker who originally fashioned toy elephants from felt as gifts for younger relatives and their friends. It declines to cut corners to be competitive.

"We will not compromise on quality," Kaiser said. "Quality has been a tradition of the company for nearly a century, and any shortcuts would have an adverse effect on our domestic, European and American markets."

Marklin now pitches about

30 per cent of its train sales to grownups such as Dietel Marahrens, an air traffic controller at Stuttgart Airport, who is one of the growing number of German model railroad hobbyists.

Marahrens, who came to the Marklin factory to buy an accessory no longer available in hobby shops, said his childhood interest in electric trains was revived by his teen-age son's train set.

Besides encouraging such father-son relationships in promoting its wares, Marklin has marketed an adults-only train system since 1972.

It is called the "mini club"—the smallest electric railway in the world. Based on a scale of one to 220, the mini club boasts of a locomotive only 2.5 centimeters long. The miniature engines and cars operate on tracks only a few millimeters wide.

And they are displayed in shops on shelves high enough that youngsters cannot touch them.

Steiff has far more limited options to expand the appeal of its products, designed for children up to the age of 12. It has, however, developed a "collectors' line" of small stuffed animals for adults. Its larger stuffed animals, such as life-

sized Irish setters and black panthers, are being promoted as home decorative items.

But manufacturers and retailers have opted out of one segment of the industry that seems to have great appeal—war toys.

The Toy Retailers Association, which represents about 2,500 outlets, recently agreed to a government appeal for a voluntary ban on the sale of war toys. In backing the ban, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said: "Our generation in particular has a special responsibility towards those youngsters who did not experience the Second World War."

The ban, however, does not affect the sale of scale model warplanes, tanks and other military equipment, which the industry considers hobby items, not playthings. But it has agreed to a change in packaging of such models, no longer illustrating them against a background of battle scenes and other wartime settings.

The war-toy ban represents no great departure in German toy making and selling. Nostheide said. Such toys represented less than one per cent of the industry's output, largely because of unilateral decisions by individual toy makers, against the production of such items. (LAT)

American mercenaries: What future?

By David Ottaway

SALISBURY — Americans who have been serving in the Rhodesian army as "professional soldiers" or mercenaries are now wondering how they will be treated by the U.S. government when they return home.

While in Rhodesia recently on a tour of Southern African countries, aides of Sen. George McGovern were approached by one such American who said he was representing ten others worried about whether they will be prosecuted for fighting in a foreign army or lose their standing in the U.S. Army Reserve.

The American, Capt. William (Jim) Atkins, 34, said he and his colleagues wanted Sen. McGovern to find out what will happen to them when and if they do go back. "There is no law we have broken just by our participation in the Rhodesian army," Atkins said in an interview. "But there is that threat that we could lose our citizenship."

Of special concern to these Americans, many of whom are officers or NCOs in the Rhodesian forces is that their secret clearance in the U.S. Army Reserve will be lifted and they will not be able to get back in and qualify for retirement benefits.

Once estimated at around 400, the number of Americans still serving in the Rhodesian armed forces is thought to be no more than 100 and possibly as few as 50. Atkins said he did not know the exact figure and that he was only representing eleven officers and NCOs in his appeal to McGovern.

He met briefly with Jeff Smith, an aide to McGovern, in the lobby of Meikles Hotel but did not see the senator himself. Smith said he told Atkins he would have to write a letter before the senator's office would take up their case with State Department and U.S. Immigration officials.

Atkins said in an interview with the "Washington Post" that he and several of his colleagues had already been harassed by Federal Bureau of Investigation and State Department officials while on leave in the United States.

Atkins, who served from 1972 to early 1977 in the Prince George County police force, alleged that the harassment was aimed partly at getting him and others like him to work for the Central Intelligence Agency in Rhodesia.

He said that while on leave in the States in November, 1977, he was called in on three separate occasions by the State Department and questioned by six different persons.

He said he had had \$11,200 in his account in a Price George County bank seized on the pretext that the money had been earned illegally in Rhodesia and that he had not paid U.S. taxes on it.

After threatening to go to court, Atkins said he got his savings back five months later. He said the money had been earned before he left the States to join the Rhodesian forces.

Atkins, who holds the rank of major in the U.S. Army Special Forces Reserve, alleged that he had been threatened by the State Department officials that if he did not co-

operate, "there were things they could do."

"They were trying to get me to work for them," he said referring to the CIA. "Basically, they tried to recruit me."

He also alleged he was further "harassed" by a local CIA agent when he returned to Rhodesia in March 1978. He said he thought the agent partly had a personal grudge against him, but that 70 per cent of the reason for his difficulties here was "professional."

He said that five guns he had brought back to Rhodesia with him were seized without reason by the police at the

instigation of an American living in Salisbury who he said was well known among other Americans to be a top CIA agent here.

Americans like Atkins, who is a helicopter pilot and has had three and a half years of experience in U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam, have been a valuable asset to the Rhodesian army, which is particularly strapped for such highly trained personnel.

While admitting there was a fringe of American lunatics who came to Rhodesia as "soldiers of fortune," or mercenaries, he said many like himself were here out of a

desire to halt the "Communist threat" and were professionally paid at the regular Rhodesian pay scale for their rank.

Atkins, holding the rank of captain, said he gets the equivalent of about \$725 a month, while he would be getting around \$1,250 in the U.S. Army. He denied there were any special "perks" or fringe benefits for foreigners serving in the Rhodesian armed forces.

He said he had worked in the Middle East for one year for a \$30,000 salary and that it was certainly not for money that he had come to fight in Rhodesia. (WFP)



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Vikings, Falcons, Eagles grab last berths in NFL playoffs

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings and the Atlanta Falcons, who both lost, and the Philadelphia Eagles, who won, have gained the last three berths in the National Football League playoffs.

The Vikings, despite a 27-20 setback to the Oakland Raiders Sunday, became champions of the National Football Conference's Central Division for the sixth year in a row, with an 8-7-1 record — the same as Green Bay, but they were 1-0-1 against the Packers.

The Packers were eliminated from playoff contention by the Los Angeles Rams, who beat them, 31-14. Atlanta, 9-7, also dropped its final game of the season, 42-21, to the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday, but the Falcons were assured of an NFC wild card playoff berth Saturday when the Chicago Bears defeated Washington, 14-10, eliminating the Redskins.

The Eagles, 9-7, earned the final NFC wild card spot, beating the New York Giants, 20-30.

Earlier, Los Angeles had

clinched the NFC West title and Dallas had won the NFC East.

In the American Football Conference, the five playoff teams were all determined before the final weekend, with New England winning the east, Pittsburgh taking the central, Denver capturing the west and Houston qualifying as the wild card teams.

Playoffs
In the opening round of the playoffs on Dec. 24, it will be Philadelphia at Atlanta and Miami vs. Houston.

The second round of the playoffs will begin on Dec. 30 with Miami or Denver at Pittsburgh and Atlanta or Minnesota at Dallas. The round will be completed Dec. 31, with Houston or Denver at New England and Philadelphia or Minnesota at Los Angeles.

In other weekend NFL games, Pittsburgh edged Denver, 21-17, Dallas whipped the New York Jets 30-7, the Cincinnati Bengals blitzed the Cleveland Browns, 48-16, the New Orleans Saints downed the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 17-10, the Detroit Lions wal-

loped the San Francisco 49ers, 33-14, the Buffalo Bills beat the Baltimore Colts, 21-14, the Seattle Seahawks topped the Kansas City Chiefs, 23-19, and the San Diego Chargers crushed Houston, 45-24.

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Oakland, 9-7, built a 21-0 lead against Minnesota with the help of touchdowns by Fred Biletnikoff and Charles Phillips 17 seconds apart, then withstood Fran Tarkenton's three touchdown strikes in defeating the Vikings.

Cullen Bryant rushed for 117 yards and scored twice and Pat Haden tossed one touchdown pass and set up another TD, leading Los Angeles, 12-4, past Green Bay, dashing the Packers' playoff chances. Jim Hart hurled three touchdowns and ran for two TDs, helping St. Louis, 6-10, smash Atlanta.

Steve Schubert's 73-yard punt return for a touchdown and Walter Payton's 44-yard scoring run led Chicago, 7-9, over Washington, 8-8, Saturday.

Philadelphia whipped the Giants, 6-10, with the help of Wilbert Montgomery's two



HADEN: Los Angeles Rhodes scholar quarterback Pat Haden, who has been much criticized since taking over from Joe Namath as No. 1 QB, tossed one TD pass and set up another TD to dash Green Bay's playoff hopes.

first-quarter touchdowns and 100-yard rushing games by Montgomery and Mike Hogan, then had to wait about three hours before finding out whether it would make the playoffs. The Eagles needed either a loss by Minnesota or Green Bay to get in — and both the Vikings and Packers were beaten.

League's best
Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw tossed two scoring passes, giving him 28 for the season — the most since the pro foot-

ball merger in 1970 — as the Steelers raised their record to 14-2, best in the league, holding off playoff-bound Denver, 10-6, by stopping the Broncos on the one-yard line on the game's final play.

Dallas, the defending Super Bowl champion, finished with a 12-4 record, including six straight victories, beating the Jets, 8-8, as Tony Dorsett rushed for 121 yards — lifting his season total to 1,525 yards — and scored twice, once on a 54-yard sprint with

a recovered fumble. Cincinnati, 4-12, won its third in a row, routing Cleveland, 58-8, as Ken Anderson completed 14 of 22 passes for two touchdowns and Pete Johnson rumbled for a club-record 160 yards. Despite the loss, Browns coach Sam Rutigliano was rewarded with a new, five-year contract.

Injuries
New Orleans' Archie Manning connected on 25 of 36 passes for 250 yards, including a game-winning 1-yarder to Jimmy Giles, as the Saints, 7-9, downed injury-riddled Tampa Bay, 5-11.

Dexter Bussey ran for two

touchdowns and Benny Ricardo kicked four field goals, helping Detroit, 7-9, smash San Francisco, 21-14, which finished with the league's worst record. The crippled 49ers, who wound up playing safety Bruce Taylor and wide-receiver Freddie Solomon at quarterback after injuries to Steve Deberg and Scott Bull, lost four of 10 fumbles, lost the ball once on a fumbled punt and had three passes intercepted.

Buffalo's Terry Miller scored on a 60-yard run while becoming the 10th rookie in National Football League history to rush for more than 1,000

yards in a season and leading the Bills, 5-11, to victory over the Colts before a crowd of 25,415, the smallest in Baltimore since 1954. The Colts wound up last in the AFC East after winning the title three years in a row.

Rushed
Al Hunter rushed for over 100 yards and scored his first two touchdowns of the season on runs of 1 and 55 yards, the latter on a fourth down play, leading the Seattle Seahawks, 9-7, to victory over the Kansas City Chiefs 4-12.

San Diego, 9-7, got four touchdown passes and 369 yards passing from Dan Fouts in riddling Houston, 10-6.

European football roundup

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — Results of weekend soccer matches in European First Divisions:

Belgium
Anderlecht 1 Beringen 0
Winterslag 2 Antwerp 2
Beerschot 0 Waregem 0
Charleroi 3 Louviere 0
Lokeren 3 Liegeois 1
Lierse 1 Waterschei 0
Courtrai 1 Bruges 1
Standard 0 Beveren 1
Berchem 0 Molenbeek 1

After 17 games, Beveren leads with 25 points from Antwerp and Anderlecht with 21, Bruges, Molenbeek and Lokeren with 20 and Waterschei and Beringen with 17. Molenbeek has a game in hand.

Portugal
Famalicão 0 Benfica 1
Estoril 1 Braga 4
Viseu 1 Barre 0
Sporting 1 Maritimo 0
Beira 2 Porto 3
Guimaraes 1 Bele 1
Boavista 1 Academico 0
After 13 matches, Benfica leads with 20 points from Porto with 19 and Sporting and Braga with 17.

Greece
Apollon 0 PAOK 0
AEK 2 Kastoria 1
Egaleo 0 Panathinaikos 0
Aris 1 Panionios 0
Yannina 1 OFI 1
Ethnikos 1 Iraklis 0
Larsia 2 Panseirai 0
Kavala 2 Rodos 0
Panachaik 0 Olympiakos 1

After the 11th round AEK leads Aris, both with 18 points, on goal difference from Ethnikos with 17, Olympiakos, also with 17, and Panathinaikos with 15.

Italy
Atalanta 0 Fiorentina 0
Averlino 3 Ascoli 1
Bologna 1 Napoli 1
Inter 0 Vicenza 0
Perugia 1 Catanzaro 0
Roma 1 Juventus 0
Torino 2 Lazio 2
Verona 1 Milan 3

After the 12th round Milan leads with 19 points from Perugia with 18, Inter and Fiorentina with 15 and Torino and Juventus with 14.

Spain
Sevilla 3 Racing 1
Rayo 0 Valencia 1
Sociedad 3 Salamanca 1
Zaragoza 1 Real Madrid 2
Espanol 0 Barcelona 2
Sporting 4 Athletic M.B. 3
Celta 3 Burgos 2
Herculesh 2 Recreativo 0
Atletico M. 1 Las Palmas 1
After Sunday's 13th round, Real Madrid headed the table with 18 points from Athletic Madrid with Sporting, also with 16, and Barcelona, Athletic Bilbao, and Sevilla with 15.

France
Sochaux 1 Bastia 0
Rheims 0 Monaco 2
Nimes 4 Laval 0
Lille 1 Nantes 3
Metz 1 Strasbourg 2

Paris FC 1 Paris-S.G. 1
St. Etienne 3 Lyons 0
Nice 2 Nancy 2
Angers 1 Marseille 1
Bordeaux 1 Valenciennes 0
Strasbourg leads with 33 points, from Nantes with 32, St. Etienne, also with 32, Monaco with 31, and Bordeaux, with 30.

Holland
Haarlem 3 Alkmaar 2
Eagles 1 den Haag 1
Eindhoven 2 Sparta 1
Venlo 1 Nijmegen 1
Vitesse 3 Maastricht 0
Feyenoord 1 Utrecht 0
Roda 2 Zwolle 0
Volendam 3 Breda 0
Twente 2 Ajax 3

After 17 games, Ajax leads with 26 points from Roda, also with 26, PSV Eindhoven with 23, Feyenoord with 21, and Alkmaar with 20. Feyenoord and Eindhoven have a game in hand.

West Germany
Bochum 2 Kaiserslautern 2
Borussia M. 1 Fortuna D. 0
Stuttgart 3 Darmstadt 0
Schalke 4 E. Brossenick 4
Bremen 3 Nuerenberg 1
Bayern 0 Hamburg 1
Arminia Bielefeld vs Borussia Dortmund (postponed)
Hertha 0 Cologne 2
Kaiserslautern leads with 26 from Hamburg with 23, Stuttgart with 22, Eintracht Frankfurt with 20, and Fortuna Dusseldorf, Bayern Munich and Schalke with 18.

South Korea overtakes North

Japan streaks beyond China's reach

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 18 (AP) — South Korean boxers slugged their way to five Asian Games titles Monday night, edging ahead of political rival North Korea into third place in the Games' gold medal race.

Japan won the womens volleyball crown, three more track and field golds and one boxing title, pulling out of China's reach in the race to be Games champion.

Japan, with 67 gold medals, 53 silvers and 40 bronzes with two days left in the games, is approaching its 1974 total of 75-49-51.

China, which does not participate in the boxing, gained just one gold Monday when its women's foil fencing team finished ahead of Japan and Indonesia.

The Chinese had 41 golds, 43 silvers and 38 bronzes and were expected to gain about a dozen golds Tuesday in badminton, table tennis and men's and women's basketball, finishing well above their 1974 total of 36-28-17. China was third then to Iran, which is not represented here because of political turmoil at home.

South Korea had six boxers in the finals, and five of them won.

North Korea had three, with only one winner. Aside from Japan's ooc gold, other boxing winners were Pakistan with two and Thailand and Indonesia with ooc each.

Besides its boxing titles, South Korea added Lee Duck-hee's women's singles title in tennis for its 15th gold of the games. It also has 19 silvers and 27 bronzes. North Korea has 14-13-12.

On the track, India's Gita Zutshi won the women's 800 meters and Thailand kept up its domination of the sprints with Tiny Usanee Loupinkarn's victory in the women's 200, after losing in the women's 100. Japan won the men's 1,500, the men's 4x400-meter relay and the triple jump, in which Masami Nakaniishi was the only record breaker of the day.

Zutshi kicked past two North Koreans on the final stretch, but said that as she passed Dong Sun Jung, the Korean pulled her arm three times.

She won in 2 minutes 7.7 seconds, with Dong second in

2:07.9 and North Korean Yuog Ae Jang third in 2:08.3.

In men's basketball, China downed North Korea 115-80 and South Korea coasted past Thailand 100-72, leaving those two undefeated teams to battle for the basketball gold Tuesday night.

In losers' bracket games, Iraq beat Bahrain, 93-52, Kuwait downed Hong Kong, 91-77, Malaysia beat Saudi Arabia, 83-63, and Pakistan trounced winless Qatar 150-63. This was the first time Qatar had scored more than 50 points.

In men's volleyball losers' bracket, Saudi Arabia came back to defeat Pakistan, 9-15, 16-14, 15-8, 10-15, 15-10.

Knicks McAdoo explodes off bench

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — New York Knicks sharpshooter Bob McAdoo, on the missing list for 12 games because of a bruised toe, came back with a vengeance, scoring 41 points to lead his team to a 111-105 National Basketball Association victory over the Atlanta Hawks Sunday. It took McAdoo only 11

seconds to register his first basket once coming off the bench. Later in the game, it was his 10-foot jumper that tied the game at 71 and a stuff shot that put the Knicks ahead for the first time. The lead changed hands four times after that before Mike Glenn's jumper put the Knicks ahead to stay at 86-85 early in the final period.

In other NBA action, the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Denver Nuggets

123-110, the Philadelphia 76ers stopped the Los Angeles Lakers 103-96, the Cleveland Cavaliers trimmed the Seattle SuperSonics, 101-91, the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Chicago Bulls 117-101, the San Diego Clippers took a 116-110 decision over the Phoenix Suns and the Golden State warriors stopped the New Orleans Jazz, 104-96.

Tom Owens scored a career-high 35 points, including 15 from the foul line, to pace Portland over Denver.

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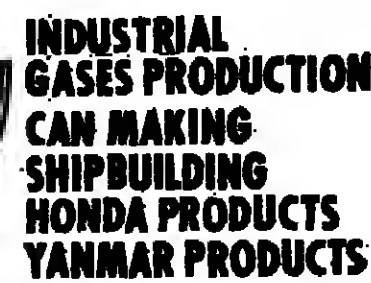


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AGFA Veritas	553.0	554.0	178	180	Abol (FL20)	28.1	28.2
BAWAG	222.5	226.0	196	197	Abol (FL20)	370.1	370.1
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Government Secs.	68.80	66.40	68.72	68.88	69.01	68.97	76.59
Fixed Interest	70.17	70.83	70.11	70.34	70.25	70.57	79.80
Industrial Ordinary	481.0	477.9	488.7	485.4	492.3	473.1	472.1
Gold Mines	130.7	131.3	130.9	130.5	129.7	134.4	139.8
Oil	96.3	96.7	97.4	98.6	100.1	97.2	101.5
Ord. Div. Yield	6.90	6.83	6.80	5.95	5.87	5.85	5.45
Preference Yld% (all)*	15.86	16.92	15.85	15.70	15.15	15.77	15.77
NYSE RUSSE 1000	8.19	8.15	8.19	8.27	8.38	8.40	8.51
FTSE 100	4,529	4,594	4,170	4,182	4,619	4,316	4,372
Equity turnover %	—	16.10	12.22	16.17	67.57	91.03	97.12
Equity balances total	—	13,589	74,669	14,604	61,919	15,996	57,712

10 MAR. 47/83		11 MAR. 47/83		Last traded 01-24-83/26.		* Based on \$2 per contract expiration price. * NG = 7.91.	
Basis 100 Govt. Sec. 151/26.8. Fixed bid, 1978.				Inst. Ord. 1/7/78.			
Gold Mines 12/9/55. Ex-5 days started June, 1978.				SE Activity July-Dec. 1982.			
HIGHS AND LOWS						SE ACTIVITY	
1978						Share Composition	
	High	Low	High	Low		Dec. 13	Dec. 14
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Govt. Secs. . .	78.58	67.93	127.4	49.18	80-Edged . . .	151.2	152.2
	(31/1)	(18/11)	(67/24)	(31/75)	Industrials . .	144.4	136.1
Inst. inv. . .	61.77	51.77	108.3	43.3	Speculative . .	136.1	49.9
	(3/11)	(13/11)	(28/11/47)	(21/75)	Totals	49.9	80.3
Inst. Ord. . .	53.95	43.34	54.2	2.9	5-day Average		
	(11/1)	(2/5)	(14/9/77)	(24/44/4)	Govt. Bonds . .	154.3	155.6
Gold Mines .	268.6	268.6	62.5	62.5	Industrials . . .	147.8	146.6
	(14/8)	(29/11)	(22/75)	(24/10/71)	Speculative . . .	31.2	38.4
Gold Mines .	130.3	90.2	33.1	54.3	Totals	97.6	96.2

BASE LENDING RATES	
A.B.N. Bank	12 1/4%
Affiliated Irish Bank Ltd.	12 1/4%
American Express Bk.	12 1/4%
American National Bk.	12 1/4%
A. F. Rank, Ltd.	12 1/4%
Barclays Bank, Ltd.	12 1/4%
Barclays Bank, Corp.	12 1/4%
Bank of Baroda	12 1/4%
Bank of China, Ltd.	12 1/4%
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Members Clubs	12 1/2%
Members of the Accepting Houses	7 1/2%
7-day deposits	10 1/2%
1-month deposits	10 1/2%
3-month deposits	10 1/2%
6-month deposits	10 1/2%
9-month deposits	10 1/2%
12-month deposits	10 1/2%
Call deposits over 1,000,000	10 1/2%
Demand deposits	10 1/2%

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"نيويورك"	
LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGES	
December 14	Range
USA	1.9746-1.9770
Canada	2.3375-2.3385
7-day deposits	8.6200-8.6300
1-month deposits	79.35-79.45
3-month deposits	104.50-104.60
6-month deposits	4.9500-4.9700
9-month deposits	3.3375-3.3475
12-month deposits	3.7000-3.7100
German	8.7300-8.7400
Swiss	10.1575-10.1375
French	16.4250-16.4150
Italy	27.55-27.48
Spain	32.50-32.40
Japan	141.80-141.70
South Africa	385.80-386.40

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"نيويورك"	
NEW YORK EXCHANGES OPENING	
Opening Prices	
STC	1.9748-1.9750
B/CN	30.87-30.88
CAF	84.63-84.64
CAN	4.94-4.96
FRF	24.34-24.305
DEM	94.50-94.58
LYF	282.50-282.58
SPN	1.6900-1.6910
DMK	1.9000-1.9020
YEN	150.50-150.70
ASC, SCH	13.90-13.92
SWK	2.5000-2.5010
DKR	5.1310-5.1330
POK	48.70-48.90
SDR	4.1182-4.1184

DOLLAR CROSS RATES		BANK OF AMERICA	
Swiss Franc	2.6932	BRITAIN	38.26-38.54
Dutch Guilder	30.850	FRANCE	71.30-71.40
Belgian Franc	1.8989	SPAIN	Unconvertible
Italian Lira	4.7760	MEXICO	
French Franc	4.6369	Selling, one month 41-37 day, two months 30-78 day,	
German Mark	84.9300	three months 115-109 day, four months 233-198	
Hong Kong Dollar	195.35	day, twelve months 178-160 day, two months 233-198	
Japanese Yen	4.2638	Can. one month 37-2 price, two months 37-2 price,	
U.S. Dollar	1.0000	three months 37-2 price, four months 37-2 price,	
British Pound	1.4912	seven, twelve months 48-44 price, twelve months 70-59 price	

اسعار المواد والمعادن الرئيسية

Previous Closing		Today's Closing		Previous Closing		Today's Closing	
%	per ton	%	per ton	%	per ton	%	per ton
1320		1341	121.50	Winnipeg		771.84	
1191		126.98	126.49	Cash		770.58	787.00
1148		126.50	126.30	Three months		784.50	
1122		125.00	124.48	Settlement		771.00	
1095		124.70	125.29	Calcutta		755.00	755.58
1076		126.60	126.40	Cash		773.50	774.00
		128.00	123.50	Three months			
				Settlement		765.58	

Previous Closing		Today's Closing		Previous Closing		Today's Closing	
%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton
183.50		227.5	228.0	Standard		6950	6955
107.75		238.0	233.0	Cash		6950	6955
113.50		236.0	236.0	Three months		6950	
119.35		235.0	241.0	Settlement		6955	
124.25		245.0	248.0	High Grade		6950	6955
129.50		245.0	248.0	Three months		6950	6955
		247.0	250.0	Settlement		6955	

BASIC MINERALS

(Official Close)

Previous Closing		Today's Closing		Previous Closing		Today's Closing	
%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton
117.75		126.50		LEAD		415.00	415.50
116.75		126.50		Cash		415.00	415.50
116.75		126.50		Three months		394.50	397.00
122.25		126.50		Settlement		415.50	
126.50							

Previous Closing		Today's Closing		Previous Closing		Today's Closing	
%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton	%	per long ton
85.00		85.00		ZINC		347.50	348.00
85.00		85.00		Cash		347.50	348.00
85.00		85.00		Three months		337.50	338.00
85.00		85.00		Settlement		347.50	

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London Bullion Market

LONDON GOLD

December 15

3.20 p.m. fix \$205

Previous fix \$205

بوشى داي جونز اوسىنى

DOW JONES

CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

30 Industrials	811.54	UP 2.46	or +3.33
20 Transport	812.54	DN 1.22	or -0.51
15 Utilities	97.73	DN 0.41	or -0.41
65 Stocks	775.37	DN 1.10	or -0.14

New York. — (AP-01)—The stock market has closed with a number of unexpected losses — including the recovery, the *Wall Street* and opening *OTC* money — and the result generally means that the market closed lower.

A total of about 675 issues closed lower on New York Stock Exchange while only some could not be traded.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which down more than three points in early trading hours later in the session closed at 811.54. Volume followed from 29,890,000 shares compared with 22,458,000 shares Wednesday.

DOW JONES

11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES

December 13			
30 Industrials	810.44	DN 2.08	or -0.24
20 Transport	816.28	DN 0.38	or -0.28
13 Utilities	95.53	DN 0.20	or -0.22
65 Stocks	775.37	DN 0.54	or -0.29

Indirizzo	324.78	319
Indicimenti	23170	22000
Marelli Ercole	220.25	220.50
Magneti Marelli	510	490

Malchukova	382.0	3550
Mandor	2070	1920
Mandorini	1625	1500
Martorelli	184.78	160
Martorelli	27.70	25
Oliveri Priv.	1125	1169
Pavoni	548	547
Pavoni	1881	1880
Perini S.p.A.	594	571
Ricciardi	58.00	55.25
SIFA	679	835
Stet	1695	1680

Notes: Overhead prices shown exclude 5 premium. Budget estimates are after 10% discount.

1. DM50 demand, unless otherwise stated.

2. Price 500 demand, unless otherwise stated.

3. Ex 100 demand, unless otherwise stated.

4. Ex 500 demand, unless otherwise stated.

5. Year 50 demand, unless otherwise stated.

6. Ex 100 demand, unless otherwise stated.

7. Ex rights, UNQ = Unquoted.

8. SUSD = Suspend.

France	E.6200-8.6300
Belgium	\$9.35-59.45
Italy	1005.50-1666.50
Spain	4.0650-4.0750

Switzerland	3,375.33-3,475
W. Germany	3,798.93-3,760
Sweden	6,730.65-5,680
Norway	10,127.5-10,137.5
Denmark	18,425.18-4,558
Austria	27,557.67
Portugal	92.28-92.40
Spain	141.08-141.10
Japan	365.98-364.40

DOLLAR CROSS RATES	
Goldster	2,692
Belgian Franc	30.850
Deutschemark	1.8996
Hong Kong Dollar	4.7788
French Franc	4.200
Italian Lira	642.900
Japanese Yen	192.358
Swiss Franc	1.4912

INTEREST RATES		
Denmark	Swiss Franc	W. Germany
90-90	-7 1/16 - 3/16	3 1/4-3 1/2
90-90	-7 1/16 - 3/16	2 1/4-3 1/4
90-90	-3/16 - 1/16	3 1/16-3 1/16 (13/16)
90-90	-1/16 - 1/16	3 1/16-3 1/16 (3/16)
90-90	0-1/8	3 1/16-3 1/16 (1/16)
90-90	3/8 - 1/2	2 1/4 - 1/2

Interest certificates of deposits due month (18.45-10.25)
 3-month Eurodollar deposits two years 10 1/4-10 1/2
 3-month clearing rates. Short-term rates are call for sterling
 Singapore.

Opening Prices

	1984-1988	1989
FR	30.87-30.88	30.88
PR	84.63-84.66	84.63-84.66
CA	4.3675-4.3698	4.3675-4.3698
GR	948.00-94.00	948.00-94.00
FL	2.0604-2.0623	2.0604-2.0623
FR	1.6900-1.6910	1.6900-1.6910
FR	1.6900-1.6920	1.6900-1.6920
EN	195.50-19.50	195.50-19.50
US, SCH	13.02-13.99	13.02-13.99
FR	3.2000-3.2000	3.2000-3.2000
NR	1.3130-1.3135	1.3130-1.3135
DOKT	46.70-46.70	46.70-46.70
KR	4.4185-4.4195	4.4185-4.4195
FR	38.25-38.25	38.25-38.25
EN	71.38-71.37	71.38-71.37
UNESCO	Unavailable	Unavailable

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إحصاءات قوائم العملات الأجنبية

Libra Sterlin	Ameri- can Dollar	Japanese Yen
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12-14	11-13	1-16
14-12	10-17	1-14
14-14	10 15/16-11 1/8	1 1/2-2 1/4
15-16	10 1/2-11 1/8	1 1/2-2 1/4
15-16	11-12 1/2	2-2 1/2
15-16	11-11 1/2	2-2 1/2

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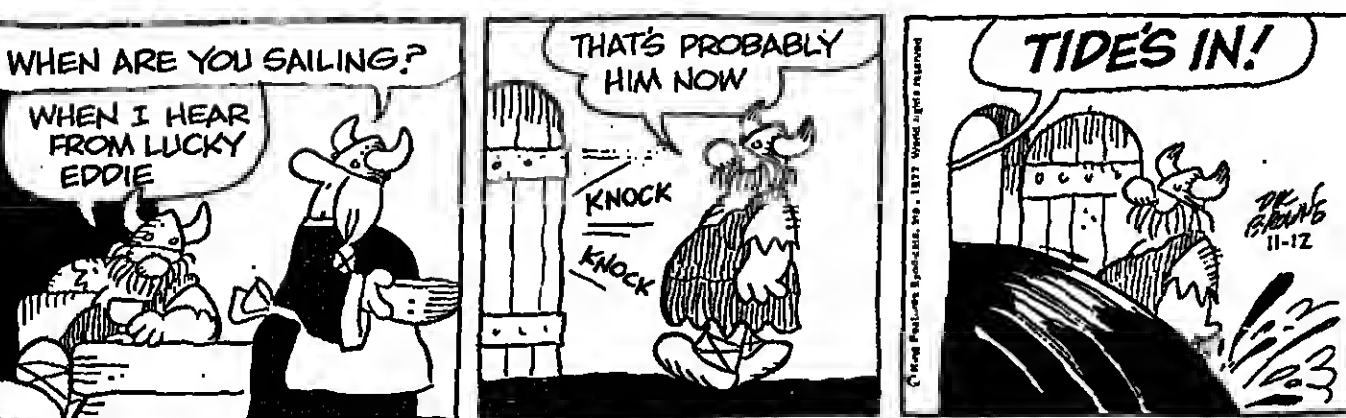
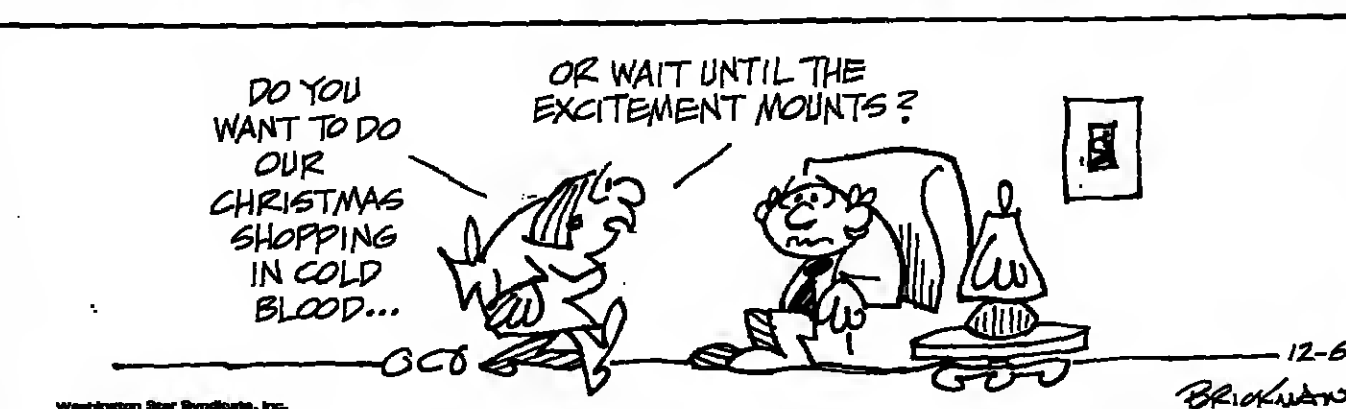
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6 Herd of whales

9 Alter

10 Columnist

11 Number for

12 Marquis

13 Custody

14 Mongol

15 Santa, Calif.

16 Choice

17 Silent star

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25 Buffalo's

26 Have lofty

27 Swedish

28 Nightingale

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30 "Go to the

31 "You

32 "Sluggard"

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41 Alleviated

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3 sister-in-law

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6 "me yom"

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13 "perfect"

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Late News

500 supporters arrested

Filibuster halts Indira jail debate

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Persistent filibustering by the Congress Party Monday stalled voting on Prime Minister Morarji Desai's motion to punish Indira Gandhi on charges of contempt and breach of privilege. In a motion moved amid uproar and shouting, Desai called for imprisonment and expulsion of the former prime minister from parliament. The motion said Mrs. Gandhi should be jailed until the end of the winter session of the house, which ends next Friday.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party members raised procedural objections, questioned the admissibility of the motion and prevented the house from proceeding with it. Speaker K.S. Hegde consulted with Desai and leaders of the Congress opposition in his chamber and announced adjournment of the house for the day. The debate was to resume Tuesday.

Jordanian cabinet okays record \$1.5 billion budget

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Jordanian cabinet approved a record budget Monday envisaging a total expenditure of \$1.5 billion (about \$1.5 billion) in 1979, an increase of 41 per cent over 1978.

The budget was submitted to the National Assembly for approval. The main expenditure items are: defense 114 million dinars (\$342 million), 26 million dinars (\$78 million) more than 1978, economic development 115 million dinars (\$345 million), social services 54 million dinars (\$162 million), public security 22 million dinars (\$66 million), cultural and information services nine million dinars (\$27 million).

In the streets outside, police used tear gas to disperse supporters of Mrs. Gandhi demonstrating near the New Delhi residence of Desai and arrested more than 500 members of her wing of the Congress Party.

Six policemen were injured by stones hurled by the demonstrators and in Calcutta police arrested more than 100 members of Mrs. Gandhi's party protesting what they called the "fascist methods" of the

Hyderabad survivors say crew ignored them after jet crashed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AP) — Some passengers aboard an Indian Airlines jet which crashed Sunday at Hyderabad Airport, injuring 17 persons aboard and killing

three on the ground, have complained that the crew did not help them escape the Boeing 737, "The Hindu" newspaper reported Monday. "No help came to any of the passengers and no one told us how to escape through the emergency door or what to do," said the Rev. John F. Chworowsky, an American resident of Hong Kong who was among the 126 passengers.

"I saw very little of the cabin crew," he told the Madras-based daily. An Indian Airlines spokesman in New Delhi denied any negligence on the part of the six-man crew. "The crew did a wonderful job," the spokesman said. "Everybody did their best. Everyone got out in a minute."

Reports from Hyderabad, 1,300 kilometers south of New Delhi, said the jet failed to gain altitude just after

takeoff, plunged back to the runway and crashed through fences and boulders and killed a group of young workers before bursting into flames.

M.P.C. Shetty of Madras, southern India, said there was total confusion following the crash. Hyderabad airport officials lacked the experience and equipment to handle the situation, he charged.

Less Than Luggage

Members of Parliament complained that the compensation payments to families of the three young workers killed were less than the amount given passengers losing a 44 pound suitcase, were an "insult."

The boys, laborers aged eight to 15, were cutting grass when the crash occurred.

Cleveland cash crunch may make 3,500 jobless

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 18 (R) — About 3,500 municipal employees were due to be laid off beginning Monday as part of a plan worked out by Mayor Denis Kucinich and his aides to keep Cleveland's financial crisis from deepening. Cleveland Saturday plunged into fiscal default after failing to repay some \$15.5 million in loans — the first major American city to do so since the depression of the 1930s.

Kucinich, a 32-year-old Democrat, was also due Monday to announce details of an emergency austerity plan he said would include cutting the city's 10,000-strong work force by 35 per cent.

The planned layoffs would cut deeply into police, fire, sanitation and recreation services. The mayor had previously warned that half the city's 1,800 police and 1,000 firemen would be laid off and essential public services seriously curtailed if Cleveland defaulted.

With the city of 625,000 facing the threat of bankruptcy, the city's financial crisis has put in operation the first stage of its giant assembly-line factory "Atomash" which will produce one-million-kilowatt atomic power reactors, the Tass news agency reported Monday.

Tass said, "The first section of the Soviet atomic power equipment plant, which has no equal in the world, has been commissioned."

"The output of such reactor units will be organized almost by assembly line methods," the agency said.

The Atomash factory near Volgograd in the Rostov region, 600 miles south-southwest of Moscow, ultimately is scheduled to turn out three to four million-kilowatt reactors annually by the mid-1980s.

The second stage of factory construction will begin by 1980.

The finished complex will consist of three factories and a high-rise headquarters building covering over 1,600 acres — and featuring a main assembly plant half a mile long, over a quarter-mile wide and 150 feet high.

The serpentine assembly line will stretch nearly six miles in length and the completed reactors will roll off the line at a specially built port where barges await.

Atomash — given a top priority by the 25th Communist Party Congress — stands as a symbol of Soviet intentions to press ahead full steam with development of nuclear power.

BEIRUT: Smoke rises over Beirut. Signalling some sort of return to normality, the port reopened Monday for what business there is.

Beirut Port officially reopens

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (UPI) — The port of Beirut, once the commercial hub of the Middle East, officially reopened for business Monday after nearly three months' paralysis owing to fighting.

"I hope that if there is no more shooting we will be back at 50 per cent capacity within two or three months," said Philippe Tawily, the port director.

The only activity on the docks came from the Marka L. a Greek freighter, which was

unloading 25,000 tons of wheat from Canada at the huge grain elevator that dominates the port skyline. The ship arrived nine days ago but only started to offload six days ago when electricity to the silo was restored.

"The main problem is security," observed Tawily. At his office in the battered waterfront district, several of the windowpanes are blown out.

The upper floors of nearby buildings have crumbled under the impact of shellfire. The rattle of a jackhammer could be heard as workmen cleared debris and plastered over bullet holes.

"For the proper functioning of the port there must be maritime agencies, bank, mails, telephone, tele — there is none of that here yet," he said.

The task looked formidable. Lebanese army and police units patrolled a surreal vision of sunken ships, crumpled steel warehouses, plundered contain-

ers and rusted metal. Debris littered the roads.

In 1977 \$83.1 million in aid had been provided for reconstruction of the port by the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Arab fund for Economic and Social Development and the Abu Dhabi fund for Arab Economic Development.

Writing in the weekly journal of the Danish Medical Association, members of the

group said results of experiments with cattle products on fully anaesthetized pigs demonstrated that electrical shocks cause characteristic changes in the skin tissue.

The changes were different from those caused by heat and the differences are detectable in most cases, the group reported.

"We hope that we now have a deterrent against the increasingly refined methods of torture," said Dr. Inge Ken Gennet of the Anti-Torture Research Group. "For the first time it is now possible to prove with a high degree of probability that a prisoner has been exposed to electric torture."

Until recently the Danish doctors worked for Amnesty International, a London-based human rights organization. After strong criticism by animal protection groups the pig experiments were discontinued last September and an independent group continued the experiments.

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JERUSALEM: The wreckage of a bus on which 21 Israelis were injured Sunday when a commando bomb exploded.

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Common Market Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner said the increase would make it harder to fight inflation and unemployment. It was "bad news for the European Community."

He said it was not justified by market conditions and "is bound to place new burdens upon us at a critical phase of our economic recovery. It would have been more reasonable to have waited for the economic and energy measures

recently taken in the United States and by the European Community in creating the European Monetary System to have taken effect."

He called on the nine Common Market countries to pursue with new vigor energy-saving policies and the development of their own sources of fuel.

Common Market officials agreed that the price rise would mean that the new European Monetary System, an at-

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tempt to link Common Market currencies in a zone of monetary stability, would face a severe test from its inception on Jan. 1.

The system of step-by-step increases brought a worried comment Monday from West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff.

In a radio interview, Count Lambsdorff said the gradual stages could presage a con-

tinuation of the method, so that a situation arose which came near to an index, linking oil prices to those of industrial goods bought by the OPEC countries.

He said that a vicious circle existed — although one of OPEC's reasons for the raise was the dollar's loss of value, the increase was hardly likely to stop dollar inflation.

430,000-man imperial army over orders to shoot demonstrators.

The military denied any unrest, especially among the conscripts who make up one-fifth of the army.

Fears of a split within the army were fueled two days ago by a high-ranking officer who disclosed that three enlisted men in the Shah's imperial guard killed at least 6 other guardsmen and wounded 12 at a base near the monarch's Niavaran palace in Tehran earlier this week.

Tehran remained calm Monday, but newsmen in the holy city of Qom, 80 miles south of the capital, reported several anti-Shah demonstrators were wounded in clashes with troops. Reinforcements were moved in to restore order in the city, where clashes occur almost daily.

In Paris, meanwhile, an Iranian Religious leader who

Clashes

new in for talks with Khomenei said there could be no solution on Iran's crisis until the Shah was overthrown.

Ayatullah Hossein-Ali Montazeri said he had come for talks with Khomenei about "Islam and the future of Iran."

Montazeri claimed the majority of Iranians wanted a regime that would be "under the surveillance of Ayatullah Khomenei."

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"I am not a ruthless phenomenon. I am not a criminal," he said.

"I have not seen sunlight for several days, after two (other) prisoners escaped from the jail on Oct. 15 this year."

The government thinks that I will escape from the country, but I will not.

"It is my spirit and determination, and because I am a political leader, that I have survived this treatment, which would have dissipated any other person long time ago."

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Taiwan

had established diplomatic relations with China after being assured that Peking would not "liberate" Taiwan.

"Chinese authorities have of late stopped talking of their holy duty to liberate Taiwan and now they speak of reaching a settlement on the basis of preserving a capitalist system on the island," said the radio.

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